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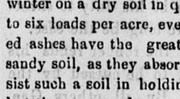

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The Spring at the Foot of the Hill.

There's a dear, sweet spot 'way down in the past
To which my heart ever turns with a sigh,
And my tears fall fast as leaves in the blast.
When the winds of Autumn are hurrying by!
'Tis the happy place where I drank my fill
And cooled my burning thirst with joy,
From the gushing Spring at the foot of the hill
Where I drank when I was a boy?

In the old stone house standing high above,
With its honest front and its open door,
Dwelt the dearest friends of my boyhood's love
In the gay and the happy times of yore!
On their love and their friendship musing still
I dream with sweet but saddened joy,
Of the gushing Spring at the foot of the hill
Where I drank when I was a boy!

I look around me and the friends are gone,
Who played with me there in my boyhood's love
And still through this world I am wandering on,
Now dreaming a dream and, now muttering a rhyme!
But up through the mists of memory still
Like music heard from the land of joy,
Comes the gushing Spring at the foot of the hill
Where I drank when I was a boy!

In the valley below, where the maple shade
Grows dark on the mound of her early grave,
Lies sleeping forever a gentle maid,
Who was lovely as God to earth e'er gave!
And the stream flows on in its music still
As it comes with a hymn of joy,
From the gushing Spring at the foot of the hill
Where I drank when I was a boy!

A HUNTER'S STORY.

Hunted by a Jaguar.

You must know that the Jaguar, generally, is like other wild beasts in this respect—that he don't prey on human flesh. He preys on animals and fish, and only fights a man when he is attacked himself. But though this is true of the Jaguar in general, it is not true of some particular ones, you see. When one of them has once met a man, and fought with him, he is not the same beast for the rest of his life—he is more ferocious and blood-thirsty. Even if the man escapes, this is true. But when he don't escape—when he is killed, and the Jaguar eats him up—ah! that's a terrible misfortune!

Of course, it's always a misfortune for a human being to be killed—that's understood; but it's a misfortune in this case, for this reason: that Jaguar becomes from that day a hunter of men. He has tasted human flesh, and found out that there is none other so sweet. He watches for men night and day, and woe to the man that crosses his track!

Well, about that time I am speaking of, I got into trouble in San Blanco, and was obliged to take to the woods, for safety, till my companions could join me. It was without a very comforable feeling undur my waistcoat that I struck into the woods—for I had no more deadly weapon than my knife—no gun, no pistol—nothing that I could even attempt to defend myself with, in case of attack.

The provincial justice had that very day issued a call to the huntsmen of the district to gather on the following day, and set out in persuit of this terrible man-eater. So, of course, my thoughts were full of the beast.

You must know that there is a broad desert between San Blanco and the woods—a vast wase without water or vegetation, and only here and there a tree. But it would not afford me a safe hiding-place; and so I had to hurry across it as fast as I could, in order to get into the woods.

I had gone but a little distance in the dark forest, looking about causciously, when I heard, away off in the distance, a noise which I knew at once was the Jagar's roar! My nerves were all of a tremble, owing to the excitement I was in, and this, added to the fact that I was waiting every minute in fear of that very sound, made me hear it when the beast was a great distance off. My flesh almost crept as I heard that long and terrible screech, a noise such as no other animal makes, and enough to set your teeth on edge, even if it didn't mean death.

But it did mean death to me—and a horible death, too

How was I to escape? At first I thought of going up one of the great solid trees which were around me; but then I remembered that the Jugar is a skillful climber, and that, with their low-hanging branches, he could easiiy reach me. My only chance was to reach a carob tree which stood all alone out on the desert, toward the town. Perhaps the Jagar would not follow me there.

The screaming was now distinctly audidle, and I was no longer in doubt—Throwing off everything that could encumber me, I began to run. I am a good runner; I never saw any man that could run with me; but to outrun a Jaguar! I never had any idea of doing it. Still, I thought I might reach the carob tree.

The roars became more frequent and louder as I ran, and at last, looking back when I was about half way to the tree I saw "The Murderer" springing over the ground, gaining on me at every bound. Nevertheless, I did reach the tree in time. It was tall and slim; therein lays its value you comprehend. There was only a nest of branches up at the top, and none but a good climber could ever have got up. It was far from a strong tree, and my climing it made it shake and sway; but it was of tough wood, and I managed to get into the top.

Yonder the Jaguar came, bounding along on my track, smelling of the ground every now and then, like a pointer dog, and then setting up that appaling roar that no man could hear without his flesh creeping. That's a fact, whether the man is afraid or not; it's a curious and well-known effect of the Jaguar's roar, that it makes the nerves tingle in that quivering way that we call flesh creeping.

When he had got within fifty rods of the tree he seemed to lose the track. He got off to one side and paused, uncertain. He put his nose to the ground, sniffing eagerly, and dashing around at last in a fierce fury of rage at having lost my trail. He lashed his body with his long tail; he bounded about; he rent the air with his screams of anger; and altogether he would have been a splendid sight to look at, if I could have felt safe.

At last he got the trail again, and being by this time perfectly furious from being so long balked of his prey, he set up a wild screech that made me shiver, and no mistake. On he came with great bounds, by the side of which a running horse wouldn't stand the least show. A minute more and he saw me.

The next instant he had sprung forward and grappled the tree with his huge paws, and was standing on his hind legs staring up at me with his fierce, red eyes. The little tree trembled under the influence of the beast's weight, and I felt like fainting and falling out of the tree to be eaten up.

Finding he could not climb such a slender trunk, the Jaguar got down, drew back a little, and gave one great leap at me. He couldn't jump to where I was, though. But he struck the tree high up, and for an instant clung to it, bearing it over with his weight till I thought, "Ah, may the saints save us, my time has come!"

But it was only for a moment. He fell down in a heap to the ground. Then began a scene which never to my dying day shall I forget. I lived years in the two hours of horrible suspense that followed.

Down under me the Jaguar raged. He swept around and around the tree, his eyes fixed on me with an unrelaxing vigilance. Tired at last with this, he crouched down under the tree, roaring with fury at being thus tantalized, fixing his eye on mine, and sat there, his red mouth gaping wide, showing his jagged rows of teeth, and his tail beating the ground. My attitude in the branches of the tree was such a one that it began at last to tell on my overstrained muscles—I felt myself growing weaker aud weaker. The Jaguar,s eyes were exerting a sort of fascination over me, you see, as a serpent does over a bird. I couldn't change my position without great danger of falling, and I began to mutter to myself, like a man who is going crazy.

All of a sudden I began to pray, and as I prayed my strength seemed to return to me, and the film that was gathering over my eyes to pass away.

And all the time there sat the Jaguar, his gaze riveted on mine. His eyes seemed absolutely red with gore—blind to everything in the world but the man whose blood he thirsten for—deaf to every sound, conscious only of his prey, and his rage at being baffled so long.

"Ah, my prayer is heard!"

There came a swish of a lasso, which went over the beast's neck suddenly and was drawn tight. Swish! another from the other side, drawn tight. Then for the first time I tore my gaze away from the tiger's blood-red eyes, and beheld my deliverers.

"Juan! Pedro!" I screamed aloud, and fell to laughing immoderately.

"Saved!" came the answer. "Saved, comrade, saved! Climb down and slay your enemy."

I slid out of the tree like a monkey. I whipped out my knife and approached the Jaguar.

"Pull, Juan," I cried; "pull, Pedro."

Drawn thus at opposite sides by the two lassoes, the Jaguar reared helpless on his hind legs. I took my knife and plunged it into his side and bounded back out of "The Murderer's" way. He fell dead at my feet.

Dissolving Bones.

We gave last month a good method of dissolving bones with sulphuric acid by Professor Higgins. Dr. Lee, of Knoxville, Tenn., our occasional correspondent, says in the Rural New Yorker. "It is better to pay forty cents a bushel for good wood ashes to decompose bones and serve as manure, than to buy sulphuric acid at the market prices. This may be done by putting alternate layers of ashes and fresh bones in an old hogshead till it is full, and wetting slightly from time to time, the mixture with hot water, to promote chemical action. Bones become broken down in this way, and assimilable plant food."

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Wheat Bran.

"If chemistry has rendered no higher service to common life," says the Hearth and Home, "than to analyze our daily bread, it would have placed society under perpetual obligation. It is now generally understood that in bolting ground wheat, the seive takes out the best and most nutritious parts of the grain. A process has of late been patented in England for grinding the bran into fine powder and mixing it with the flour. A German chemist has discovered a method by which bran may be bleached entirely white so as to be cooked with the flour, thus adding to its nutritive power without affecting its color.

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Lime being exposed to the air a month or two will generally become slaked quite fine, and may then be applied to land, either upon the surface or harrowed in on plowed soil, which is the best way. Lime slaked by water is not injured at all.

All About Cucumbers.

How to Raise Early Cucumbers.—1. A good method to produce early cucumbers is the following: Make a trench at the warmest place of the garden; into this put old manure—about three inches—and on this good earth—three inches—on this plant the seeds, and cover them with saw-dust—two or three inches. Cucumbers thus treated are said to come earlier, to endure rain, drouth, and even a little frost, far better than those treated another way. Against severe night-frosts they should be protected by boards.

2. Take middle sized flower-pots; fill them two-thirds with good soil; put the seeds on this, and cover with sawdust; sprinkle with warm water, and put the pots near the stove. On the appearance of the plants, place the pots near the window. Care should be taken to harden the plants before transplanting them into the garden, by admitting air to them both day and night.

3. Take egg shells (the hole to be on the upper end three fourths of an inch,) fill them with good soil, and therein plant the seeds. Plants thus raised, kept either in the house or hot-bed, are easily transplanted.

How to Raise Many Cucumbers.—1. Never take fresh seed of last season, but always take seeds two to four years old. Who cannot get old seed, should have his fresh seeds dried near a warm stove during several weeks. Some gardeners, in order to obtain this end, carry their seed in their pockets. Old cucumber seed will bear earlier and more fruit. Fresh seed will make weak plants, and is longer in germinating.

2. Pinch off the end of the main shoot. This will strengthen the growth of the vine, the laterals will come out sooner, and you will get more fruit before frost sets in again.

How to get Fine Flavored Cucumbers.—1. Get your seed from a reliable seedsman.

2. Soak your seed in milk for about twenty-four hours before sowing.—Horticulturist.

Unleached Ashes.

A learner asks how, when and how much unleached ashes may be applied to winter wheat while growing. They may be applied any time during winter or early spring, at the rate of from ten to thirty bushels per acre, evenly over the surface. Fifteen bushels are a fair dressing. A broad-cast machine for sowing them is best. The winter season is a good time and snow will do no harm, unless the surface is so steep as to wash badly in thaw. Good unleached ashes are worth fifty cents per bushel to apply to most grain crops.

LEACHED ASHES are also well applied in winter on a dry soil in quantity from three to six loads per acre, evenly spread. Leached ashes have the greatest effect upon a sandy soil, as they absorb ammonia and assist such a soil in holding volatile manures, but they are good upon any soil needing phosphate, lime, soluble silica, &c. They are worth on many soils ten to twenty cents per bushel.—Rural New Yorker.

Look to Your Fences.

Among the first duties of the spring we may mention the mending of old and the construction of new fences. A farm but poorly enclosed is almost worthless; it is a perpetual source of perplexity, and the annoyance is often of a nature that sets both precaution and patience at defiance. Whenever it is necessary to construct a new or to reconstruct an old line, it should be done in the most thorough manner. Good materials and good workmanship are as valuable here as any other department of the art. This should be always borne in mind.

Good fences secure good neighbors, and good neighbor are a treasure in our cold, selfish world.—Ed. Germantown Telegraph.

The Cultivation of Horse-Radish.

There is nothing easier to cultivate than Horse-Radish, and it should be found in every garden. The elaborate instructions drawn out which we have seen in some journals, is all bosh, or at least only tends to deter people from raising it. All there is to do is to dig up a bed full spade deep, in a rather low, moist place; manure heavily as for any other garden crop. Slice a radish from the crown—two or three inches down each of course with a piece of the crown, however small, and plant two inches below the surface, and it will come. For family use a bed ten feet square will furnish enough all the time for a generation, without farther trouble or replanting. This is all.—Ed. Germantown Telegraph.

Currants and the Currant-Worm.

The author of the Small Fruit Instructor gives some directions for growing the currant, a fruit, by the way, which merits more attention than it generally receives: Manure ground well and plough or spade deep before planting. Set four feet apart along the fence, and for field culture, three by six. Have plenty of fine mulch scattered over the surface, and keep the branches trimmed up and trained out, so as to admit the sun. The currant-worms are very easily destroyed by sprinkling over the bushes while they are wet, and as soon as the worms are first noticed, and once or twice after, a little powdered white hellebore."

Bone Dust may be applied directly in the hill, to corn or potatoes, or composted with loam before it is used, as you please. If mixed with about twice its bulk of loam, perhaps it would be the best way to apply it. About a tablespoonful of pure bone is enough to the hill.

CURE FOR RHEUMATISM.—The celebrated Dr. Arbuthnott says that deit of whey and bread is a cure for rheumatism.

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A FAST ONE.—We have some fast boys in this town: somewhat too fast for paternal control. A day or two ago, a father being anxious to enlighten his precious youth, and exhibit his smartness to Dr. Wood, who was present, the following colloquy took place:

"Why is it, my son, that when you drop your bread and butter it is always on the butter side?'

"I dont know. The strongest side ought to be up, and this is the strongest butter I have ever seen.'

"Hush up: it is some of your aunt's churning, my son.'

"Did she churn it? the great lazy thing!'

"What, your aunt?'

"No this butter; to make the old lady churn it, when it is strong enough o churn itself.'

"Hush, Johnny: I have eaten worse in aristocratic houses.'

"Well, people of rank ought to eat it.'

"Why people of rank?'

"'Cause it is rank butter.'

The Doctor says he can prove this by two preachers, and if any of our readers want further information they can call on the preachers. —*Holmes County Farmer.*

Not long since a green looking Vermonter walked into the office of Dr. C. T. Jackson, the chemist.

'Dr. Jackson, I presume?'

'Yes sir.'

'Are you alone?'

'Yes sir.'

'May I close the door?' and he did so, and having looked behind the sofa and satisfied himself that no one else was in the room, he placed a large bundle, done up in a yellow bandanna, on the table and opened it.

'There doctor, look at that.'

'Well,' said the doctor, 'I see it.'

'What do you call that, Doctor?

'I call it iron pyrites.'

'What! isn't that stuff gold?'

'No, said the doctor, 'it is good for nothing; it is pyrites,' and putting some over the fire on a shovel it evaporated up the chimney.

'Wall, said the poor fellow, with a woe-begone look, 'there is a widder up town has a whole hill of that, and I have been aud married her!'

A man remarked in our presence the other day that he never subscribed for, or read a newspaper.—It is hardly necessary for us to add, that the man knew nothing, and that his whole family combined, could not tell who discovered America, and would have to hold a regular council of war to tell who is President.

A man stopped into a lager beer saloon, the other day, bought two glasses, and threw down a ten cent silver coin. The Teuton exclaimed: 'Mein Gott in himmel! dis is der speschie bayment vat I read so many dings about and never see no time pefors.'

The Mayor of Mobile recently married a colored couple. After the ceremony, the husband said, 'Massa Caleb, you has forgotten somethin.' 'What is it, Aaron?' asked the Mayor. 'Why you ain't buss the brire.'

A lady lately cleared her house of flies by putting honey on her husband's whiskers when he was asleep. The flies stuck fast, and when he went out of the house he carried them off with him.

A drunken loafer was picked up in the street. There was no sense in his head, no cents in his pocket, a powerful scent in his breath, and he was sent to the watch house.

In Chicago, nusbands are said to be so feaful of divorce that they add to announcements of future movements the letters 'W. P.' which means 'wife permitting.'

An Irishman recently soliloquized: What a waste o' money a buyin' mate when you know the half of it is bone, while you can spind it for rum that hasn't a bone in it.

A little white boy, who sold apples and peanuts in the building appropriated to the meetings of the North Carolina House, has been removed by the Hon. E. Miller, negro doorkeeper of the House aforesaid, who has set up a stand for himself.

'My opponent, Mr. Speaker, persists in saying that he has a right to the floor. Whether this is so or not, I shall not inquire. All I have to say is, that he will get floored if he interrupts me again.'

A number of exchanges are in favor of a premium on crow scalps. We object. The premium on *black* is too confounded high already.—The people can't stand more of it.

A late divorce case in Chicago developed the fact that an old man, after nineteen years of wedded life, married three other women in rapid succession, and maintained four separate establishments.

The Old Commonwealth.

JOHN GATEWOOD, RAN. T. CUSHEN, } EDITORS.

HARRISONBURG, VA.

Wednesday, - - - - - April 14, 1869

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—A BILL FOR AN ELECTION IN VIRGINIA, &c.

The message of President Grant, recommending the passage of a bill for an election in Virginia and Mississippi, and the action of Congress upon the subject, will be read with interest. Unwilling to take any action that might be construed as an expression of preference for either of the factions into which the Republican party of this State is divided, the radical mountebanks in Congress have thrown upon the President the responsibility of submitting certain of the more obnoxious provisions of the Underwood constitution to a separate vote.—That General Grant will shoulder the responsibility, there can scarcely be a doubt.

The aforesaid mountebanks, however, passed a resolution, providing, that before Virginia, Mississippi, and Texas shall be admitted to representation in Congress, their several Legislatures shall ratify the fifteenth amendment to the constitution. They might as well have resolved that those States in the Union that refuse to adopt the fifteenth amendment shall be deprived of represent tion in Congress. It would require no more stretch of power or authority to do that than to say that the Southern States shall adopt it before they can be admitted. Suppose the three States 'nominated in the bill' should fail to ratify the said amendment, and a sufficient number of the Northern and Western States should refused to vote for its ratification to defeat it, would Congress continue to keep the former out until they ratified the amendment? The inconsistency and grossness of this usurpation on the part of Congress is too manifest to be concealed.

Senator Thurman truly said, during the discussion on the resolution above referred to, "that the power of Congress in changing the Constitution was merely to *propose* amendments; but the amendment of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. Morton] proposed that Congress, having already submitted the fifteenth constitutional amendment to the people, should now go on and coerce certain States into ratifying it. This would be an outrage not only upon the people of those States, but upon the people of all the States, by forcing negro suffrage upon them."

CONSERVATIVE STATE CONVENTION CALLED.—A despatch from Richmond, dated April 10th, states that the Conservative State Central Committee, in view of the recent action of Congress, has called a State Conservation Convention, to meet in the city of Richmond on the 28th instant. The dispatch states that it is believed the Conservatives will not make a nomination for Governor. We regard this last suggestion as premature. If it is understood that the Convention will not nominate a State ticket, we cannot see that any practical purpose can be accomplished by calling a convention.

Connecticut has held an election, and black predominates. A mongrel Governor has been elected in place of the present Democratic incumbent, and the legislature is mongrel by large odds.—Hence the 15th amendment will be adopted by Connecticut. We lose a member of Congress there also.

SAMUEL B ARNOLD and EDMAN SPANGLER, convicted by military commission at Washington, as assassination conspirators, and banished to the Dry Tortugas—the former for life and the latter for six years, and who were pardoned by President Johnson, arrived at Baltimore on the 7th inst.

If Stanton could be sent in place of Dr. Mudd, justice would begin to assume her sway.

STONEBURNER & Co., are now the proprietors of the Valley Virginian, at Staunton, and J. H. Hewitt, editor. The "Virginian" has had new life infused in to it by the change, and the proprietors being practical printers, it is their expectation to make it not only a good paper, but a "paying" concern. We extend our best wish s

EDWARD SEARS has received the appointment of Post-master at Staunton, vice A. T. Maupin, removed. We don't know Sears, but we know Maupin, hence we are not sorry.

The difference between Gen. George Stoneman and H. H. Wells, is just exactly the difference there is between a gentleman and a mail robber.

N B. HENDRY has been appointed by the military authorities, Mayor of Staunton. The Virginian says the appointment is satisfactory to the people.

Of all the officers appointed for Warren county, only two will take the iron clad or test-oath. Good.

Lexington has the Velocipede mania badly. Somebody is teaching the art of riding "the thing" in that town.

STONEMAN'S REPORT.

We are sorry that we are compelled to abridge the report of Gen. Stoneman. It is an able paper, and if Congress would act upon its suggestions, the troubles which have so long environed us would disappear like frost-work before the sun. Will they? No. It is no part of the congressional programme to be guided by the teachings of wisdom, nor to pay heed to the utterances of even Federal agents, if their utterances serve not to whet malignity and ill-will, or give excuse to them for heaping additional enormities and wrongs upon the Southern people.

No unprejudiced man can rise from the perusal of the report without a feeling of satisfaction—that sort of satisfaction produced by a conviction that it is the truth he has read.

Gen. Stoneman has carried himself nobly, has been a good military administrator, and carefully eschewed politics. His was not the disposition to court favor. He saw, what any man of good common sense must have seen, occupying his position, that a handful of carpet-baggers were intriguing to get possession of all that was valuable in the State, not to serve the Union, nor the good of the country, but to fill their pockets at the expense of the people. He could not and would not affiliate with nor be used by such men as these—the instincts of a gentleman forbade it—and hence the howls of joy set up by the miserable pack at his removal. Failing to intimidate him, they vented their wrath in muttered curses.

In speaking of Gen. Stoneman, the Richmond Whig says: "But upon General Stoneman's head has been visited all their wrath and denunciation. It was Gen. Schofield who proposed that the Constitution should be voted upon in separate sections. Gen. Stoneman's offence was in giving this proposition his approval, just as Gen. Grant has done in his recent special message. It was General Schofield who said that there were not enough eligible men in Virginia of sufficient capacity to fill one-half the offices in the State, and he despaired of effecting the reconstruction of Virginia under a Constitution whose chief features were distinguished by the extension and perpetuation of disabilities and disfranchisements. Upon Gen. Stoneman devolved the hopeless task of doing what his predecessor regarded as impossible—that of finding fit men for all these offices who could take the oath.

"The outcry against Stoneman has come from a class of political freebooters and footpads, who thought they had the people of Virginia at their mercy and expected to plunder at will. As he was a lion in their path, they raised the hue and cry against him. They had begun the same with Schofield before he left, and will do the same with Grant whenever he has come to know them well enough to feel it to be his duty to throttle them, as will ere long be the case.

"He who "from the robber rends his prey," must expect to be cursed by the baffled miscreant. By all others Gen. Stoneman will be applauded. The time is not distant when his action, in the removal of Wells, even, will be approved by the Washington authorities."

The Missing Letter.

The missing letter trouble has been "quashed" so far as legal proceedings are concerned, but subsequent developements show that there has been an immense amount of lying done by the various parties in the transaction. No two of the interested tell the same tale about the letter. Samuels, the author, has given us his say through the Richmond Dispatch of the 5th, but it not only throws no new light upon the matter, but only increases the darkness surrounding the mysterious affair. We'll bet a new hat that Levi Edwin Dudley can tell who stole the letter. If the Radicals would content themselves with only stealing one another's letters, it would be well.

VIRGINIA VALLEY RAILROAD.—M. G. Harman, Esq, has addressed a letter to Mayor Banks, of Baltimore, in which he says:

"The counties of Roanoke, Botetourt, Rockbridge, Augusta and Rockingham have appointed delegates to go to Baltimore on the 21st day of April, to confer with the Mayor and City Council and citizens of Baltimore, and urge the subscription of one million of dollars by the city of Baltimore to the stock of the Valley Railroad, provided the counties and towns on the line of the road subscribe $1,250,000; this being done, a first mortgage on the road for thirteen hundred thousand dollars, making in all three and a half millions of dollars, will nearly, if not quite, complete the road from Harrisonburg to Salem. We propose that the delegates from all the counties shall meet at the Eutaw House on the 23d of April, 1869."

The Mayor communicated the letter to the Council, and stated that he would coincide with them in any action which they might take. The communication was referred to a special committee.

GEO. S. TWITCHELL, the Philadelphia murderer, who was to have been hung on the 9th inst., was found dead in his cell at 5. 20 A. M., on the 9th, by the prison watchman, he having committed suicide by taking strychnine.

Work has been commenced on the Fredericksburg and Gordonsville railroad.

WELLS TO WITHDRAW.—The Richmond correspondent of the Petersburg *Express* says that "Wells will withdraw as a candidate for Governor of this State," and adds the following, which, in our opinion, is idle and absurd:

"I prophesy, on information that I have, that Hunnicutt or Withers will be our next Governor. Neither Wells nor Walker will run.

The Markets—No changes reported.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

We give below the message of General Grant, recommending that Congress shall take immediate action in the cases of Virginia, Mississippi, and Texas.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

While I am aware that the time in which Congress proposes now to remain in session is very brief, and that it is its desire, as far as is consistent with the public interests, to avoid entering upon the general business of Legislation, there is one subject which concerns so deeply the welfare of the country that I deem it my duty to bring it before you.

I have no doubt that you will concur with me in my opinion that it is desirable to restore the States which were engaged in the rebellion to their proper relations to the Government and the country at as early a period as the people of those States shall be found willing to become peaceful and orderly communities, and to adopt and maintain such constitutions and laws as will effectually secure the civil and political rights of all persons within their borders.

The authority of the United States, which has been vindicated and established by its military power, must undoubtedly be asserted for the absolute protection of all its citizens in the full enjoyment of the freedom and security which is the object of a republican government. But whenever the people of a rebellious State are ready to enter in good faith upon the accomplishment of this object, in entire conformity with the constitutional authority of Congress, it is certainly desirable that all causes of irritation should be removed as promptly as possible, that a more perfect union may be established, and the country be restored to peace and prosperity.

The convention of the people of Virginia which met in Richmond on Tuesday, December 3, 1867, framed a constitution for that State, which was adopted (endorsed?) by the convention on the 17th of April, 1868, and I desire respectfully to call the attention of Congress to the propriety of providing by law for the holding of an election in that State at some time during the months of May and June next, under the direction of the military commander of the district, at which the question of the adoption of that constitution shall be submitted to the citizens of the State; and if this should seem desirable, I would recommend that a separate vote be taken on such parts as may be thought expedient, and that at the same time, and under the same authority there shall be an election for the officers provided under such constitution, and that the constitution, or such parts thereof as shall have been adopted by the people, be submitted to Congress on the first Monday in December next for its consideration; so that if the same is then approved, the necessary steps will have been taken for the restoration of the State of Virginia to its proper relations to the Union.

I am led to make this recommendation in the confident hope and belief that the people of that State are now ready to co-operate with the National Government in bringing it again into such relations to the Union as it ought, as soon as possible, to establish and maintain, and to give to all its people those equal rights under the law which were asserted in the Declaration of Independence in the words of one of the illustrious of its sons.

I desire also to ask the consideration of Congress to the question whether there is not just ground for believing that the constitution framed by a convention of the people of Mississippi for that State, and once rejected, might not be again submitted to to the people of that State in like manner and without the probability of the same result.

U. S. GRANT.

Washington, D. C., April 7, 1869.

The Bill Providing for an Election in Virginia.

The following is a copy of the bill as it passed the House of Representatives Thursday:

A Bill authorizing the submission of the constitutions of Virginia, Mississippi and Texas to a vote of the people, and authorizing the election of State officers, provided by the said constitution, and members of Congress.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States, at such time as he may deem best for the public interest, may submit the constitution which was framed by the convention which met in Richmond, Virginia, on Tuesday the 3d day of December, 1867, to the registered voters of said State for ratification or rejection, and may also submit to a separate vote such provisions of said constitution as he may deem best.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted.* That at the same election the voters of said State may vote for and elect members of the General Assembly of said State, all the officers of said State provided for by the said constitution, and for members of Congress; and the officer commanding the district of Virginia shall cause the lists of registered voters of said State to be revised and corrected prior to such election, and for that purpose may appoint such registrars as he may deem necessary; and said election shall be held and the returnes thereof made in the manner provided by the election ordinance adopted by the convention which framed said constitution.

SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States may in like manner submit the constitution of Texas to the voters of said State at such time and in such manner as he may direct, either the entire constitution or separate provisions of the same, to a direct vote; and at the same election the voters may vote for and elect the members of the Legislature and all the State officers provided for in said constitution and members of Congress: provided, also, that no election shall be held in the said State of Texas for any purpose until the President so directs.

SECTION 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States may like manner re-submit the constitution of Mississippi to the voters of said State at such time and in such manner as he may direct, either the entire constitution or separate provisions of the same, to a direct vote; and at the same election the voters may vote for and elect members of the Legislature and all the State officers provided for in said constitution, and members of Congress.

SECTION 5. *And be it further enacted,* That if either of the said constitutions shall be ratified at such election, the Legislature of the State so ratifying, elected as provided for in this bill, shall assemble at the capital of said State respectively on the fourth Tuesday after the official promulgation of such ratification by the military officer commanding in the State.

SECTION 6. *And be it further enacted,* That either of said States the commanding General, subject to the approval of the President of the United States, may suspend, until the action of the Legislatures elected under their constitution respectively, all laws that he may deem unjust and oppressive to the people.

The bill passed the Senate yesterday, modified by the adoption of the following joint resolution submitted by Senator Morton:

Be it resolved, &c., That before the States of Virginia, Mississippi, Texas, and Georgia shall be admitted to representation in Congress, their several Legislatures, which may be hereafter lawfully organized, shall ratify the fifteenth article, which has been proposed to several States as an amendment to the constitution of the United States.

WASHINGTON, April 9—SENATE.—The House bill for the election in Virginia, Mississippi, and Texas was taken up, and Senator Morton's amendment making the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment a condition precedent to the admission of the unreconstructed States was discussed.

After a somewhat bitter discussion the amendment was adopted—years, 30; nays—Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Boreman, Casserly, Conkling, Davis, Edmunds, Fenton, Ferry, Fessenden, Fowler, McCreery, Norton, Patterson, Sawyer, Sprague, Stockton, Thurman, Trumbull and Willey—20.

The clause authorizing the suspension of the laws deemed oppressive, was stricken out and an additional clause adopted, declaring that the bill shall not operate as a complete restoration until its action is approved by Congress.

In the 1st section the words "registered voters of said States" were stricken out and the words "voters of said States registered at the time of said submission of the constitution" inserted.

The bill was then passed—ayes 44; nays, 9. Senator Sprague being among the latter. The Senator then took a recess.

[SECOND DESPATCH.]

11 P. M.—The House concurred in the Senate's amendments to the Virginia, Mississippi and Texas bill by a strict party vote.

Important Result.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—By the amendment to the bill authorizing an election in Virginia, Texas and Mississippi, offered by Mr. Sawyer, of South Carolina, and adopted, it is provided that the election shall be held under a new registration, which it is thought will admit about fifteen thousand additional white voters, who were enrolled under the first registration. It will also admit quite a number of white voters in Texas.

Adjournment of Congress.

WASHINGTON, April 10, 1869.—Save the final adjournment of Congress to-day at noon, there was but little of importance done in either House.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock, having adjourned at 4 this morning, but did nothing, the time being occupied in discussing the proposition to allow Senators from the reconstructed Southern States back pay, which was talked to death.

The House met at 10 o'clock, passed the resolution of sympathy for the Cuban rebels and several unimportant bills, and fretted away the time until the hour for adjournment with dilatory motions, and calls for the ayes and noes, &c.

At 12 o'clock the presiding officers of the respective Houses pronounced a final adjournment.

Bills Signed.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The President, Secretary Boutwell and Fish, and Attorney General Hoar were at the Capitol all the morning signing bills, among which were the Pacific and Central R. R. bills, the whiskey and tobacco tax bill, appropriation bills, and the bill for holding elections in Virginia, Mississippi and Texas, with others of less importance.

DEATH OF J. F. LATHAM, ESQ.—The many friends of Mr. J. F. Latham, the general freight agent of the O., A. & M. Railroad, will regret to hear that that gentleman died, at his residence in this city, at an early hour this morning. He had been ill for some time past with an incurable disease of the intestines, and his demise was not unexpected by his family. His remains will be taken by to-morrow's train to Culpeper county for interment.—Alex. Gazette

PHILADELPHIA, April 10.—A large meeting of citizens was held this evening in pursuance of a call to Americans who sympathize and wish to co-operate with the secret association in this city. Much enthusiasm was displayed, and the meeting adopted a resolution asking the United States Government to anticipate the British Government in recognizing the Cubans as beligerents.

Victor Emanuel has struck a spade into the lava of Herculaneum and now the excavations are to go on steadily, and a new world of art is expected to appear.

Moses H. Grinnel has been appointed to the fat office of Collector of the port of Mew Yoyk, and Alonzo B. Connel, Surveyor of Customs. Both were subscribers to Grant's $60,000 mansion fund.

"Lo, the poor Indian," has been discovered. He is Ebeneze Low, of Marshpec tribe, on Cape Cod, and will be 100 years old next month.

The last heavy frost, we understand, has killed the peaches, or at least three-fourths of them. Apples are safe, however, so far.—Danville Times.

Mrs. Dr. Mary Walker, after several applications for office, has received an answer from President Grant that she might have an interview when dressed as becomes her sex.

Notwithstanding the general smash up in the governmental machinery our farmers are determined not to stop work, but are at it with all their force, preparing to put out a large amount of corn, etc.—*Page Valley Courier.*

Rhode Island Election.

PROVIDENCE, April 8.—Complete returns of yesterday's election give Padelford, Republican, for Governor, 7,271; Pierce, Democrat, 3,875.—The Senate has twenty-six Republicans and seven Democrats. The House has sixty Republicans and twelve Democrats.

DISABILITIES.—*Washington,* April 8.—The Reconstruction Committee have determined to report a bill for the removal of political disabilities from certain persons in Virginia and Mississippi, but have refused to act upon any cases from Texas.—*Alex. Gazette.*

The last plank in the Woman's Rights platform is for married women to retain their maiden names. The *Revolution* argues that there "is no more in every wife taking hers." The world surely moves!

The military posts of Winchester and Fredericksburg, have been discontinued.

GEN. STONEMAN'S REPORT.

We give below an extract from Gen. Stoneman's Report to the Adjutant General of the Army, at Washington. We omit the recapitulation of the various orders issued by him during his command in Virginia, and give that portion which is of more special interest to our readers. Speaking of his appointments, he says:—

Of the thirty-nine Commonwealth's Attorneys recommended, two declined, nine were previous appointments by District Commander, fourteen could not take the oath of office, and eleven accepted and were appointed. In regard to the Clerks of County and Circuit Courts, recommended from the same source (the Republican Committee,) the results were about the same.

It will be seen from the foregoing what means have been used to fill the offices in the State of Virginia, made vacant by joint resolutions of Congress, passed February 8, 1869, and the following are the results as shown by the records:

Number of officers in the State, 5,446; number filled by General Schofield, 582; number filled by General Stoneman, 1,972; number able to take the oath, 329; number of vacancies yet to be filled, 2,613.

How many of those recently appointed will not accept, cannot qualify or will be unable to furnish the requisite bonds, remains to be seen, and this number should be added to the vacancies yet to be filled.

In accounting for the very small number of persons in the State who can take the test-oath of office it must be taken into consideration that Virginia was one great battlefiled during the war; that there was small chance for escape from the rigors of the conscript laws; that nearly every man was directly under the eye and control of the Confederate Government, and that at some time or other nearly every one gave "aid, countenance, counsel, or encouragement to persons engaged in armed hostility" to the Government of the United States; and besides, once having engaged in the war, probably no portion of the Southern people, old and young, male and female, were more earnest in its prosecution.

The conclusion will force itself upon every intelligent mind that if, with all the efforts that have been made and the latitude that has been allowed, the offices in the State have not been filled by competent persons, they certainly cannot be filled when the restrictions of any one party are to be observed and complied with, as will be the case upon the adoption of the proposed constitution, under which it is desired by some that the people of Virginia shall be forced to live, and to the requirements of which they are expected to consent.

As to the character and qualifications of those appointed, though they are not in all cases what could be desired, yet they are in the main the best the material afforded.

The fact should be taken into consideration that they in most cases came from that class of persons who had never before been trusted by, and in many cases, are comparative strangers to the people.

Many were found who were willing to take the test-oath, and who, at some time, upon investigation, were proved to have been amongst the most active participants in the rebellion.

These, with a zeal ever animating new converts, were willing to take almost any oath which would secure them recognition and an office. Discretion was very necessary in making selections from this class.—Very many who were known to have been Union men before, during and since the war, have not found it compatible with the dictates of their consciences to subscribe to the oath required by law, and the services of such have been lost to the State.

My definition of loyalty to the Government has been more comprehendsive than the one adopted by some political lexicographers, who would restrict its application to those, and to those only, who were willing to pledge themselves to vote for this or that candidate for some high office, the number of the loyal thereby being inversely proportionate to the number of candidates

That mistakes, and that some improper selections have been made, cannot be denied; this, under all the circumstances and restrictions, was to be expected, and in time can be partially remedied.

That those deemed not the most fit, worthy and competent, and their friends should be disapprobative, disappointed and dissatisfied, is natural The hostility of such is to be anticipated, but not to be feared or dreaded.

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The annual expenses of the State have, during my administration of affairs, been considerably reduced, and had it been considered politic, would have been reduced still more.

The monthly expenditures from the reconstruction fund appropriated by Congress last session have averaged $1.863,50 per month; and of the amount appropriated, $99,000, after paying outstanding indebtedness due when I assumed command, and the current expenses since, there remains on hand at present $77,249 33.

The authority in the District Commander has been exercised to prohibit corporate authorities from increasing the indebtedness of corporations, and thereby adding to the taxes of an already overburdened people

The financial condition of the State is, all things being considered, as good as cloud be expected; its material interests are not prosperous, and its political situation speaks for itself.

The only claim of any importance against the State which has been ordered to be paid was one for reporting the proceedings of the Constitutional Convention. Some doubts were entertained as to the propriety of ordering its payment, but inasmuch as its justness and correctness was certified to by the chairman of the Committee on Public Printing, the Secretary of the Convention, and by the President of same, and as its payment was urged by the Register in Bankruptcy and the Commonwealth's Attorney for the city of Richmond, the payment of the claim, amounting to $3,050, was finally ordered. It has been intimated in some of the journals that the money obtained was used for improper purposes at the late Petersburg Convention. Whether or not such be the case I cannot say, and those most interested are the best able to decide.

RESPECT FOR LAW AND QUIET.

The general quiet and good order that has existed throughout the State since my last report, and even now exists, is, under all the circumstances, worthy of special notice and particular attention.

The only two cases of disorder worthy of mention, and which warranted military interference, are the one in Lee county, in the southwest corner of the State, a point running down between the two States of Tennessee and Kentucky, and the other near Norfolk. The first was caused by the conduct of a set of fugitives from justice from Kentucky and Tennessee. Orders were issued to secure their arrest. They left the State, and quiet was restored.

The other was caused by a misconception on the part of the negroes living on some farms abandoned during the war by the owners. The negroes were made acquainted with their duties and no further trouble with them is anticipated.

Several questions connected with the internal improvements in the State have presented themselves for contideration, and have been settled, if not in accordance with the wishes of all concerned, it is to be hoped the results will be for the best interests of the companies and of the State at large.

All schemes and propositions looking towards the sale of any of the State's interest in either of the railroads have been discountenanced and the principles of consolidation or co-operation established by the last Legislature of Virginia observed and continued.

In the administration of civil affairs, the fact has not been lost sight of that civil law still existed in the State, and that the courts of justice were open to all alike; nor of the other fact that the people of Virginia were still citizens of the United States, and as such, were amenable to the laws and entitled to their protection

In the performance of the delicate, responsible, and troublesome duties assigned to me I have observed, and have endeavored to follow and to carry out, the principle that all governments are, or ought to be, instituted, for the best interest of the governed, to engender as few antagonisms as a liberal construction and faithful administration of the laws of Congress required, to harmonize conflicting elements, and to do justice to all.

How successfully this endeavor has been accomplished it remains for results and history to determine, and for those over whose interests I have had a temporary control to decide.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

[Signed] GEORGE STONEMAN.

Brevet Major General U. S. A., Commanding.

A new and commodious depot has been erected, by the O.A. & M. Railroad Company, at Strasburg, on the site of the old one.

DIED

At his residence in this place, on Saturday evening last, April 10, after a lingering illness, Mr. DANIEL P. RAGAN, aged 51 years.

At the residence of her son-in-law, Dr. G. K. Gilmer, near Richmond, Va., on Saturday last, April 10th, Mrs. NANCY IRICK, at an advanced age.

She was the estimable wife of David Irick, deceased, formerly of Rockingham county.

On Thursday morning last, at his residence in Bridgewater, after a lingering illness of heart disease, JOHN DINKLE, Esq., in the 67th year of his age. His remains were followed to the grave by the Masonic Fraternity of Bridgewater, together with a large concourse of sorrowing friends. He was a well known and highly-esteemed citizen, and his death is much regretted in the community where he had spent a long and useful life. Peace to his ashes!

At his residence in this county, on Friday last, April 9, 1869, JOHN COWAN, Esq., aged 86 years and 1 month. He was a well-known and highly esteemed citizen.

On Sunday, April 11, 1869, an infant child of J. A. Lœwenbach, Esq., of this place.

New Advertisements.

SPRING OPENING OF

MILLINERY & FANCY GOODS.

WE WILL OPEN ON SATURDAY, 17TH, a select assortment of Millinery and Fancy Goods, comprising

The Latest Novelties of the Season,

Handsome Parasols, Sun Umbrellas, Fans and Gloves, Curls, Lace Goods, Embroideries, Puffing, Ruffling, &c., with many new and desirable goods which will be offered at lowest cash prices.

All are respectfully invited.

ap14-iii MRS. JOHN S. EFFINGER.

FISH FISH FISH

EVERY description of FISH on hand and for sale.

POTOMAC SHAD and HERRING, SHAD ROE, and also

EASTERN FISH.

Address, HOGE, WEDDERBURN & CO., No. 2 Prince street, Alexandria, Va.

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COME.

I AM in receipt of my Spring supply of Ready-made Clothing, Piece Goods and Gent's Furnishing Goods generally. In the way of *Ready-made* CLOTHING, (I mean exactly what I say,) I offer the *best made* Ready-made Clothing ever offered in Harrisonburg!

My stock of Goods is full and complete, and I respectfully invite the public generally to call and examine.

ap14 D. M. SWITZER.

NOTICE.—By the Steamer COLUMBIA, upon her next trip, we shall have in store, our

Full Stock of Spring Goods,

consisting in part of Dress Goods, Mouslins, Poplins, Alpacca, Challies, Linens, Table Damasks, Napkins, Diaper, Prints, &c., &c., at which time I am happy to extend to our friends the usual greeting.

ap14 HENRY FORRER.

HARDWARE! HARDWARE!

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HARDWARE! HARDWARE!

LUDWIG & CO. are now receiving their Spring supply of Hardware, &c. ap14

ANDREW & PAUL,

LIVERY, FEED & EXCHANGE STABLE,

HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA.

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NOTICE.—I have sold out my Confectionery establishment to Messrs. Wise & Co., and respectfully recommend them to the patronage of the public. I take this occasion to return my grateful thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed upon me in the past.

Having sold some goods upon credit, and desiring to close up my old business speedily, I respectfully urge all indebted to come forward and close up their accounts by cash or note.

ap14 O. C. STERLING.

DRESS GOODS—late styles;
Plain and Fancy Cassimeres,
All wool Ingrain Carpet,
Table, Stair and Floor Oilcloths,
Oiled and Holland Shades and fixtures,
Grass Mattings—various widths,
Full supply of Groceries,
New Potomac Herrings,
And a variety of other goods,
For sale by

ap14 HENRY SHACKLETT.

MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.—The members of the Rockingham Memorial Association are earnestly requested to meet at the Court House on Friday evening next, at 7 o'clock. A full meeting is desired as questions of importance must be decided, before the officers can proceed with the work of improving the Soldiers' Cemetery.

ap14 MRS. C. C. STRAYER, President.

I NEVER say anything about my Goods that I do not mean, or that I am not responsible for, or that is not strictly *true.* I assert that, after an experience and observation of 25 years in my trade, I now offer the *best* Ready-made Clothing I have ever known sold in Harrisonburg. Call. ap14 D. M. SWITZER.

COW WANTED.—A number of one MILCH COW—one with a calf preferred—for which a fair price will be paid. Inquire at this office. [mar 14-1t

REMEMBER—That I am in the Tailoring business as usual. Goods of all kinds for gentlemen's wear on hand, and Coats, Pants and Vests cut and made to order by competent workmen. Call at the Headquarters of Fashion.

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GERMAN LINEN GARMENTS FOR LADIES, just received DIRECT FROM EUROPE,

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ENGLISH and French Chintz and Ginghams, just imported and for sale

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LADIES are invited to examine those goods which we have just *received* from Europe.

IN A FEW DAYS

We will have our full stock of SPRING Goods, of which due notice will be given.

ap14 LOEB.

THE LINEN GARMENTS which we have just received from Europe are cheaper than cotton.

We warrant them to be pure linen.

Remember—Direct from Europe.

ap14 LOEB.

DON'T FORGET—That I keep *Ready-made* Clothing, of the very best quality, of the latest style—but no "slop-shop" work.

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THE LADIES will please call and examine my splendidly gotten-up suits for small boys.

ap14 D. M. SWITZER.

IRON.—Tire and Hammered Nail Rods, Horse Shoe Nails, &c. LUDWIG & CO.

Main street, Room recently occupied by Coffman & Bruffy. ap14

FOR SALE.—A Navy Revolver, 6 shooter, for sale or barter. Inquire at this office.

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GARDEN Rakes, Hoes, &c.

ap14 LUDWIG & CO.

SHOVELS, Spades and Forks.

ap14 LUDWIG & CO.

New Advertisements.

PREMIUM REAPERS & MOWERS.

THE WOOD SELF-RAKE REAPER AND PRIZE MOWER.

ACKNOWLEDGED EVERYWHERE AS THE BEST!

THE WOOD Combined Reaper and Mower took the FIRST PREMIUM at the Augusta County Fair over SIX competitors. It stands UNRIVALLED.

Two Machines for the Price of One!

I refer to the large number of Valley Farmers who have them in use.

It is light draft and durable. The rake does its work better than any hand can possibly do it.

Every Machine Warranted!

WOOD Prize Mower!

Has taken the lead everywhere.

WARRANTED THE BEST!

TERMS EASY.

Send for Circulars giving particulars. Order early to secure a Machine in time.

J. R. JONES, AGENT, HARRISONBURG VA.

VALLEY SULKY HAY-RAKE!

WELL BUILT.

Teeth of best English Spring Steel: Can be managed by a boy. Can easily be kept down in the heaviest grass. A limited number for sale.

ap14-yc J. R. JONES.

GREAT BARGAIN HOUSE

HARRISONBURG, VA., April 12, 1869.

TO THE LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I WOULD hereby remind you that I have just returned from the eastern markets with the most magnificent stock of

Spring & Summer Goods

which it has ever been my pleasure to offer—that the Great Bargain House is now entirely replenished with everything good and useful, and that the entire stock was purchased on the most favorable terms and will be sold very low for cash. I would therefore invite you all to come and see me, and examine my splendid stock before purchasing, which consists in part of

Choice Cloths and Cassimeres, Satinets, Kentucky Jeans, Cottonades, Hats, Boots, Shoes, &c., &c., for men and boys, and for the

LADIES,

Rich and grand Crapes, Mozambiques, Poplins, Alpaca, Lustres Lawns, Percals, DeLanes, plain and fancy Prints, of all grades and styles, Gloves, Hosiery, White Goods such as Swiss, Jaconet and Cambric,

Muslin, brown and bleached Domestics, Buttons, Trimmings, Notions, and Fancy Goods generally.

REMEMBER the place—Great Bargain House, next door to the old Bank of Rockingham.

Respectfully,

ap14 L. C. MYERS.

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Just Published, in a Sealed Envelope. Price 6 cents.

A LECTURE on the Nature, Treatment and Radical Cure of Seminal Weakness or Spermatorrhœa, induced by Self Abuse; Involuntary Emissions, Impotency, Nervous Debility, and Impediments to Marriage generally; Consumption, Epilepsy, and Fits; Mental and Physical Incapacity, &c.—by ROB J. CULVERWELL, M. D., Author of the "Green Book," &c.

The world-renowned author, in this admirable Lecture, clearly proves from his own experience that the awful consequences of Self-Abuse may be effectually removed without medicine, and without dangerous surgical operations, bougies, instruments, rings or cordials, pointing out a mode of cure at once certain and effectual by which every sufferer, no matter what his condition may be, may cure himself cheaply, privately, and radically. This lecture will prove a boon to thousands and thousands.

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W. M. R. BADER,

WATCH-MAKER AND JEWELER,

WOULD say to the public that he is still at his old stand, on Main street, in the room now occupied by Wm. Ott & Son as a Clothing Store. He is prepared to do all kinds of work in his line at the shortest notice, and at the most reasonable rates.

Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, &c., Repaired and Warranted.

Having heretofore enjoyed a fair share of patronage, I hope by an effort to accommodate and please to merit a continuance. ap14.

ORANGE, ALEXANDRIA AND MANASSAS RAILROAD.

ON and after Tuesday, December 26, 1868, one daily passenger train will run between Washington and Lynchburg, connecting at Gordonsville with the Virginia Central Railroad to Richmond and Covington; at Lynchburg for West and Southwest, and at Washington for the North and Northwest.

Through tickets and baggage checked to all prominent points.

Leave Washington daily at 6.30 a. m., and Alexandria at 7.15 a. m., arriving at Lynchburg at 4.20 p. m.

Leave Lynchburg at 9 a. m., arrive at Alexandria at 5.55 p. m., and at Washington at 6.40 p. m.

FREIGHT TRAINS

Run daily, (Sunday excepted) making all rail connections from New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, to all points on this road and South and Southwest.

MANASSAS BRANCH.

A train for the Manassas Branch will leave Alexandria daily, excepting Sunday, at 9.55 a. m., arriving at Strasburg at 3.20 p. m., and at HARRISONBURG at 7 p. m.

Eastward—Leave HARRISONBURG at 5.45 a. m., arriving at ALEXANDRIA at 2.37 p. m., connecting with the train from Washington to Baltimore at 4 p. m.

The train leaving Baltimore at 7.00 a. m., connects with the morning train to Harrisonburg and intermediate points.

Passengers from Washington and Alexandria to Winchester will find this a comfortable and quick route, involving only 18 miles staging, in pleasant coaches, over the Valley Turnpike, arriving at Winchester at 6 p. m.

Regular Daily Freight Trains.

FREIGHT TRAINS on MANASSAS Branch leave HARRISONBURG DAILY, at 11 o'clock, p. m., promptly; arrive the next evening at Alexandria, at 4.00, and at Baltimore at 12 o'clock at night. This arrangement offers great expedition for the transportation of CATTLE, &c., &c.

J. M. BROADUS, General Ticket Agent.

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OHIO GOBLETS.—Elegant white granite Tea setts of 45 pcs., Glass Salvas, Tumblers, Goblets, Vases, Lamps, &c., for sale by

ap14 HENRY FORRER.

CUTLERY, &C.—Albata Table Spoons, Tea and Dessert sizes; do, do. Forks, plated with the best Sterling silver, and English Table Cutlery, warranted.

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THE OLD COMMONWEALTH.

HARRISONBURG, VA.

Wednesday Morning, April 14, 1869.

NEWSPAPER DECISIONS.—Any person who takes a paper regularly from the Postoffice—whether directed to his name or another, or whether he has subscribed or not—is responsible for the pay. If a person orders his paper discontinued, he must pay all arrearages, or the publisher may continue to send it until payment is made, and collect the whole amount, whether it is taken from the office or not. The courts have decided that refusing to take newspapers and periodicals from the Postoffice, or removing and leaving them uncalled for, is *prima facie* evidence of intentional fraud.

READING MATTER ON EVERY PAGE OF THIS PAPER FOR THE BENEFIT OF ADVERTISERS.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

☞ *The Old Commonwealth office has been removed to the second story of Masonic Hall, opposite Hill's Hotel, Main Street.*

Settlement Day.

The first of April, now at hand, is in this section a general settlement day.—Rents are due, store bills, mechanics' bills, and bills generally must be *paid* or settled up.

In order that we may be able to pay, we hope those of our patrons who are in arrears to us will come forward and pay.

We do not often make such requests, but are really in earnest when we do.

*** ADVERTISERS will please hand in their favors by Tuesday morning, as it is desirable to put the Commonwealth to press on Wednesday morning, the regular day of publication. Please remember this.

ORANGE, ALEXANDRIA & MANASSAS R. R.—ENCOURAGING STATEMENT.—We have obtained the following statement of cash received by the agent of this road at the Harrisonburg depot, from the 21st of December, 1868, to the 10th of April, 1869, inclusive:

From freights—forwarded, . . .	$5,079 60
" " received, . . .	7,280 31
Total freight, ...	12,359 91
From passengers, ...	3,066 15
Total freight and passengers,	$15,426 06

When it is remembered that the crops of grain, last year, were considerably under the average yearly yield, and that a large quantity of flour, &c., had been sent to market before the completion of the road to this point, the above figures give quite an encouraging exhibit of the resources of our county. This is the busiest season of the year with the farmer, and it cannot be reasonably expected that much of the produce still on hand should be marketed before harvest. A good crop of grain, fruit, and other products, is all that is needed to demonstrate the fact, that this section of the Valley, in natural fertility and productiveness, is not surpassed by any other portion of the country of equal extent.

VALUABLE LAND AND MILL SITES.—We have been shown a map of the farm of Mr. John W. Palmer, lying on North River, adjoining the flourishing village of Port Republic, twelve miles South of Harrisonburg, thirty-three acres of which have been placed in the hands of Messrs. Larkins & Ayers, land agents, whose place of business is near McGaheysville, in this county. The fall in the river, at this point, is considerable, and affords some of the finest sites for mills, factories, &c., to be found in the country. This property is located in one of the most wealthy and productive portions of the county, and offers rare inducements to capitalists who may wish to engage in milling or manufacturing pursuits. Persons wishing to buy such property, are referred to Larkins & Ayers for particulars.

C. F. DUTROW.—We call the special attention of the farmers of Rockingham to the advertisement of C. F. Dutrow, on the first page of this paper. They buy produce for cash, and do not offer goods in exchange. Those wishing to sell their produce, such as Mr. D. wants, for cash, will no doubt consult their interests by giving this establishment a call. Their house is next to the Store of Isaac Paul & Sons, on West Market Street, opposite the "Register" printing office. Give Mr. D. a call, and you will be dealt with liberally.

DEEP SNOW. — We ventured to suggest, last week, that grim-visaged Winter "lingered in the lap of Spring." Saturday and Sunday there were heavy falls of snow.—It was nine inches deep on Sunday evening. If this should be the last—and we most devoutly hope that it may be—it is good for sore eyes; so 'they say.' The snow must be melted and bottled up, and used upon the eyes, as occasion may require. We can't vouch for the efficacy of the remedy.

THE PEACH PROSPECT. — During a recent trip down the Valley, we were highly gratified at the prospect for an abundant peach crop. Fears are entertained that the severe frost and freezing air of Sunday night proved destructive to the bloom in some localities, but we doubt whether the injury will be found to be very extensive.

DAILY FREIGHT TRAIN. — Many persons seem not to know that a daily freight train has been running upon the railroad for some time past. It arrives at Harrisonburg at 11 at night, and leaves for Alexandria between 11 and 12. For further particulars, call upon the agent at the depot.

Wm. H. Karicofe, Esq., appointed by Gen. Stoneman, Commissioner of Revenue for the 3rd District of this county, vice H. A. Chrisman, declines to act.

We learn that there are several gentlemen in this county appointed by the same authority, who refuse the positions to which they have been appointed.

THE WARREN SENTINEL, Vol 1. No. 1, has been received, and is a good looking paper, and creditable to the country press of the State. Trout, Clark & Son are the proprietors, and J. S. Trout, of the Shenandoah Herald, is editor. We extend our ☞, and bid the new paper welcome to the storms of the fickle sea on which it has embarked.

MORE VALUABLE THAN TREASURY NOTES.—How that old cynic, Sam Johnson, would have revelled through Webster's massive new Unabridged! How he would have gloated over its magnificent letter press and its illustrations, beautiful as new Treasury Notes, and *much more valuable* to the student. The Merriams have incurred a fabulous expense in having the whole work rewritten, reset, recast, and republished. It is not a mere revision, but a reconstruction. To insure excellence in typography, it comes from the Riverside Press, which is all that need be said about its mechanical execution. It is a marvellous specimen of learning, labor, research, and taste. It is by far *the greatest literary work of the age.—Baltimore American.*

SALE OF A VALUABLE FARM.—The farm belonging to Rev. L. S. Read, adjacent to town, containing 155 acres, was sold by J. D Price & Co., Land agents, to W. H. Whittaker, Esq. for $11,500, last week.

This is the well known "Kyle farm", and we consider it an excellent sale for both purchaser and seller. We have noticed quite a number of Northern and Eastern men at the Land Office of J. D. Price & Co., and doubtless will have more sales to report. Mr. Whittaker is from Yates County, N. Y.

SOLD.—Mr. J. H. Grabill, of Woodstock, has purchased a one-half interest in the Shenandoah Herald, Mr. Trout, the late sole proprietor, has been fortunate in securing Mr. Grabill as a partner and co-laborer, and from the well-known high personal character of Mr. G., and the fine talents of both the editors, we predict that the Herald will be one of the best country papers in the State, and will deserve a very generous support from the people of Shenandoah particularly

New Spring Goods are arriving and the boxes crowd upon the side-walks to such an extent as to almost "shut off" the perambulations of pedestrians. However, we are all well content to submit to some inconveniences if business is only brisk and lively.

Read the advertisements of those who advertise their business, and then go and buy what you want of them. As a general rule those who advertise sell the cheapest goods.

☞ MR. LOEB, boot, shoe, hat and trunk dealer, next door to Mr. Forrer's Store, will leave for Baltimore in a few days, and will on his return open the most splendid stock in his line ever seen in this market. His present stock is large and recherche, and he is selling very cheap. Being connected with one of the largest wholesale houses in Baltimore, he cannot be undersold in the Valley, and will be prepared soon to offer goods at Baltimore wholesale rates. Give Mr. Loeb a call when you want boots, shoes, or hats of any style or size, also, trunks, valises, satchels, umbrellas, &c., &c. †

REFINED WHISKEY.—We received from John Bowman, Jr., Esq., a few days ago, a bottle of his very superior refined whiskey. There is no doubt that in good whiskey at least Rockingham can boast of producing as fine an article as any part of the United States. This whiskey is of pure rye, and thoroughly refined, and for medical purposes is doubtless the best that can be obtained anywhere. Mr. Bowman has a few barrels of this fine whiskey still on hand, at his distillery near Timberville, in this county.

MT. JACKSON, a thriving village in the most wealthy portion of our sister county, Shenandoah, a friend suggests, can boast of having two first rate hotels, four stores, and two first class toll gates. Not many small towns can boast of so many toll gates. Why, the active, pushing city of Harrisonburg has but three.

GOOD ALE.—We are again placed under obligation to Mr. A. J. Wall, the accommodating proprietor of the Dixie House, for a pitcher of elegant Ale sent us, which was tried by all hands and pronounced No. 1. Mr. W. is not afraid to send out specimens of his stock, as he keeps the best of everything in his line. Give him a call and satisfy yourself.

CLERK OF TOWN COUNCIL.—At a meeting of the Council for the Corporation of Harrisonburg, held on Tuesday evening last, Mr. H. C. Bright was chosen Clerk, to fill place of Pendleton Bryan, Esq., resigned.—Mr. Bryan had performed the duties of the office very acceptably during the past year. We take pleasure in saying that Mr. B. is assisting Mr. Lindsey, Clerk of the Circuit Court of this county.

The wheat prospects in Page County are said to be very encouraging. The fields look green and teeming. Large quantities of wheat were sown last fall, and large quantities of fertilizers used. We are glad to hear this, of Little Page.

☞ If you want to see the finest assortment of *Fancy Dry Goods* in town, go to G. M. Effinger's. His stock of *Ladies' Dress Goods* surpasses anything seen in this market for a long time. He extends an invitation to everybody, and promises to sell on the most reasonable terms. Give him a call. For particulars see handbills. †

☞ WM. LOEB has recently received an invoice of fine Linen Goods direct from Europe. He advertises them in to-day's paper. We have examined the goods, and they are beautiful and cheap. Go and see them at the Bazaar, near Shacklett's corner. †

☞ Mr. O. O. Sterling has sold his extensive stock of groceries, confectioneries, &c., to Messrs. Wise & Co., who will conduct the business in future at the old stand, on Main st.

FISH.—We call attention to the advertisement of Messrs. Hoge, Wedderburn & Co., Alexandria, Va. They have all kinds of fish.

"Spades are trumps" just now. Gardening operations are in full blast.

PETERSON'S MAGAZINE, for May, is already out, with its beautiful engravings and fashion plates, pleasing variety of matter, &c. This is one of the most popular of the monthlies of its class, and deserves to be.—Terms, $2 a year. Address C. J. Peterson, 306 Chestnut St. Philadelphia.

THE AMERICAN FARMER, for April, is an interesting number—filled with valuable information to the agriculturist. It is published monthly by Worthington & Lewis, Baltimore, Md., at $2 year.

THE AMERICAN STOCK JOURNAL for this month is replete with valuable suggestions relative to the management of farm stock, poultry, &c., appropriate to the season. Published by N. P. Boyer & Co., Parkesburg, Chester county, Pa., at $1 a year.

THE SOUTHERN PLANTER AND FARMER, presents an interesting table of contents.—To the Southern agriculturist this work is especially important. B. C. Williams, editor and proprietor, Richmond, Va. $2 a year.

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST A STATE OFFICIAL.—We find the following correspondence of the Petersburg *Index*, and copy it that Gen. Webb's attention may be called to the matter and the party accused may have an opportunity of vindicating himself if he can:

"We narrated yesterday a cute Yankee trick, which has been frustrated, in which Mr. Platte figured; another one in which Mr. Luther Lee, also member of the Constitutional Convention, is concerned, has just come to light. Lee is the penitentiary storekeeper, and, by virtue of his office, purchases all the supplies for the penitentiary. It has been lately noticed by the Board of Directors that his charges for certain articles were unaccountably larger than similar charges of his predecessor, and, on investigation, it was proved that he had charged the State of Virginia $8 per barrel for herrings, *which he bought for* $6,50. A quantity of leather, which he paid somebody $960,20 for, was pronounced to be worth, at dealers' rates, only $750. It is believed that a wholesale scheme of fraud has been discovered, and the board—all of whom are good Radicals—are determined to have a full investigation of the storekeeper's account for supplies, when other instances of sharp dealing may come to light.—*Richmond Whig.*

VIRGINIA LANDS.—The *Experimental Farm Journal*, of Chambersburg, speaking of Virginia lands, makes the following just remarks:

"First-rate lands by nature, though somewhat damaged by improper cultivation, and possessing magnificent advantages of climate and location, are offered in Virginia at prices which seem insignificant, and yet find no purchaser.—The truth is, land is a drug in the market. The climate is delightful, the advantages for transportation to market are nowhere surpassed, and the soil is suited to the production of general crops, and all kinds of fruit do well.

"The war impoverised almost every person. Those who own land have nothing else, and are compelled to sell a portion in order to get means to cultivate the remainder.—No finer opportunities have ever been offered to young men with moderate means to secure valuable farms than can be had in Virginia to-day.

"The wild lands of the extreme West are not half so attractive as these, and nowhere in the Western States can improved lands be bought at such low prices."

At a large meeting of negroes in Chesterfield a few days ago, the following among other resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we believe the time has come when colored men, if qualified, should fill any office in the gift of their constituents, and be entitled to all the rights of other citizens.

Resolved, That we believe the best and only way to silence the question of color is to elect colored men wherever we can find qualified to fill positions in every department of this American Government.

Resolved, That we try to send a colored man from this, the Third Congressional District, as our representative in Congress.

Resolved, That we unanimously recommend Fields Cook as our choice from this district, believing as we do that he will give us a fair representation.

This looks badly for the carpet-bag candidate Porter.—*Richmond Whig.*

The New York *World* quotes it 'to the credit of the people of Virginia that, though all the five thousand offices in that State were held up as pay for a conversion to Radicalism, so few have succumbed that it has been found necessary to revoke the removals of even sheriffs, the most desirable of all the lesser offices, and permit the lawful incumbents, test-oath and Congress to the contrary, to exercise their powers. Now if there be not ninty-six 'trooly loil' in Virginia to furnish out a sheriff to each county, how sad must the state of the Radical faction therein be!"

NEW TOWN.—The beautiful site, lately purchased by a Northern company, near River Station, Warren county, is rapidly growing into a town. A number of new buildings are in the course of construction on both sides of the river, and many more, including large manufactories, will be put in course of construction during the present spring.

The excitement of suspense among the "faithful few" who desire the nice little plum of government patronage in this ancient burg—the Post office—still continues. There has been no appointment yet. Twenty-five hundred dollars per annum is worth working for.—*Winchester News.*

WHEAT IN THE LOWER VALLEY.—The wheat, we learn from many sources, is looking remarkably well in this portion of the Valley. Much ground is being prepared for corn. Now is the time for our farmers to be active.—*Winchester News.*

None of our county officers have qualified yet. Neither has the newly appointed Judge, who is seeking to have a few disabilities removed first.—*Page Valley Courier*

The Fredericksburg Herald says the immigration from the North and West is already changing the entire population in some sections of Spottsylvania and Caroline counties.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Bogus Stonebraker Medicines.

CAUTION TO MERCHANTS AND THE PUBLIC.

Bogus medicines and preparations have been sold and put out on commision in many parts of the Valley, by unprincipled parties in this city, purporting to be the genuine STONEBRAKER'S MEDICINES. The public are cautioned to carefuly examine and see that the name of H. Stonebraker, is on each bottle and package before purchsing it. The Rat Exterminator, Horse Powders and others, have been largely counterfeited, or imitated and sold as the genuine, and in many cases without the name—Stonebraker—at the head of each bottle, as the original, manufactured by the proprietor. It will be well for merchants and others to be on their guard, and to buy and sell none unless the signature of "H. Sonebrrker, 84 Camden St." is plainly seen on all sold as Stonebraker's Medicines, and merchants generally are requested to send to the proprietor and get the genuine, which will be suplied on commission, or sold for cash at liberal discount.

H. STONEBRAKER.

84 Camden Street, Baltimore, Md.

The Genuine is sold by the following Agents; L. H. Ott, Harrisonburg; J. J. Little, McGaheysville, E. Sipe, Spartapolis, Sprikel & Martz, Lacy Springs, W. Milnes & Co, Shenandoah Iron Works, Wm. H. Maphis, Hawkinstown, Stoneburner & Allen, Mt. Jackson, B. P. & C. C. Henkel, New Market, Stoneburner & Allen, Edenburg, Zea, Pirkey & Co., Stasburg, B Schmitt, Woodstock, Oct.28-6m.

To Consumptives.

The Advertiser, having been restored to health in a few weeks, by a very simple remedy, after having suffered for several years with a severe lung affection, and that dreadful disease, CONSUMPTION—is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure.

To all who desire it, he will send a copy of the prescription used (free of charge), with the directions for preparing and using the same, which they will find a *Sure Cure for Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitas*, etc. The object of the advertiser in sending the Prescription is to benefit the afflicted, and spread information which he conceives to be invaluable; and he hopes every sufferer will try his remedy, as it will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing.

Parties wishing the prescription, will please address,

REV. EDWARD A. WILSON,

feb10-I Williamsburg, Kings County. N. Y.

Errors of Youth.

A Gentleman who suffered for years, from Nervous Debility, Premature Decay, and all the effects of youthful indiscretion, will, for the sake of suffering humanity, send free to all who need it, the receipt and directions for making the simple remedy by which he was cured. Sufferers wishing to profit by the advertiser's experience, can do so by addressing, in perfect confidence,

JOHN B. OGDEN,

feb10-I No. 42 Cedar Street, New York.

Public and Private Sales.

TRUSTEE'S

SALE OF VALUABLE LAND,

NEAR HARRISONBURG.

AT the request of H. J. Gray, and by virtue of a deed of trust executed by David S. Jones and wife, on the 11th day of November, in the year 1856, to J. W. G. Smith, Trustee, I, as substituted Trustee, will sell to the highest bidder at public auction, on the premises, for cash, ON FRIDAY, the 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1869, so much of the farm, in and adjoining the town of Harrisonburg, in Rockingham county, now owned by David S. Jones, known as

"COLLICELLO,"

formerly owned by Robert Gray, as will satisfy the debt of $5,000 secured in said deed of trust to Robert M. Kyle and assigned to said H. J. Gray, with the unpaid interest and the costs of executing the said trust. This farm contains

297 Acres of First-rate Land!

with good improvements, lies on both sides of the Manassas Gap Railroad, and is one of the most desirable farms in the county.

So much of the land will be sold as will be necessary to raise the amount above mentioned, and will be sold in lots, a survey of which will be ready on the day of sale.

dec9-ts WM. B. COMPTON, Trustee.

POSTPONEMENT.

AT the request of Mr. H. J. Gray, the above sale is postponed until SATURDAY, MAY 8TH, 1869. WM. B. COMPTON,

feb10-ts Trustee.

GEORGIA LAND

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

I OFFER for sale, or in exchange for property in Rockingham county, Va.,

Two Plantations in Georgia.

One contains 375 ACRES, more or less, and is situated within 2½ miles of the city of Rome, State of Georgia. The other contains 240 acres, and is also situated within 2½ miles of the city of Rome.

A new Railroad, now in course of construction, passes through both plantations.

THE IMPROVEMENTS

on both places are of the FIRST QUALITY, and both plantations are well watered by running streams.

☞ TERMS—Moderate, and the title good. Refer to A. B. Irick or Henry Shacklett, Harrisonburg, Va.

JOHN SCANLON,

Sept. 9, 1868-tf Harrisonburg.

TOWN PROPERTY

FOR SALE.

HAVING removed to the country, I am desirous of selling a portion of my town property. I offer for sale privately, the

HOUSE AND LOT

in the northern portion of Harrisonburg, on Main street, and near the Depot, now occupied by T. B. Gay. The House contains six rooms including kitchen and dining-rooms. The lot contain one fourth acre and is very fertile.

Terms accommodating, and can be ascertained by application to J. D. Price.

☞ Possession given 1st of April, 1869.

feb17-tf S. M. YOST.

AVIS'

Magic Liniment,

The Best External Remedy in Use.

TRY IT! TRY IT!

AVIS'

MAGIC CONDITION POWDERS

FOR

Horses, Cattle, Sheep, and Hogs.

Every Farmer Should Use Them!

Prepared and sold Wholesale and Retail by JAMES L. AVIS, DRUGGIST, Opposite First National Bank, Main street, HARRISONBURG, VA.

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SALT AND BONE DUST.—100 sacks Worington Fine and Ground Alum Salt, daily expected.

Berlin's Ground Bone Dust in quantities to suit purchasers, for sale by

apr7 HENRY FORRER.

HUNK-☞-DORI—"in boxes,"

mar31 at WARTMANN'S Bookstore.

BLANKS!

Blank Notes—single and double seal;
Negotiable Notes,
Sheriff's Sale blanks,
Licenses for Commissioners Revenue,
Constable's Warrants,
do Executions, &c.,

Just printed, on hand and for sale cheap at the COMMONWEALTH OFFICE.

LOOK OUT!

For daily fresh supplies of GROCERIES, and things good to eat, at Post's.

march31 SPENCE, Agent.

BLACKING.—The most superior article made. Go see the Black-King at POST'S.

march31 SPENCE, Agent.

Insurance.

ROCKINGHAM

INSURANCE COMPANY,

HARRISONBURG, VA.

CAPITAL $100000

FIRE and Life Insurance effected at the lowest rates and on the most liberal terms. We invite public patronage.

A. M. NEWMAN, President.

GEO. F. MAYHEW, Secretary. dec16-tf

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J. A. Lowenbach, A. E. Heneberger.

S. M. BOWMAN, General Agent.

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THE SOUTHERN

MUTUAL

INSURANCE COMPANY.

Authorized Capital $250,000.

Chartered by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

OFFICE—N. E. CORNER 9TH & MAIN STS.,

RICHMOND, VA.

Will issue Policies on farm and city property, also on Merchandise, for any term not exceeding five years, at rates as low as the prompt payment of losses will permit.

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☞ AGENTS WANTED in every town and county in the State. feb3-to28

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE! FIRE! FIRE

INSURE! INSURE! INSURE!

J. D. PRICE & CO.,

LICENSED

FIRE INSURANCE AGENTS,

IN THE FOLLOWING

RELIABLE COMPANIES:

HOME, of New Haven, Connecticut.
FRANKLIN, of Baltimore, Md.
U. S. FIRE AND MARINE, Baltimore.
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Insure your property at once, as the dangerous season is at hand.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Full information given by calling at our office.

J. D. PRICE & CO.,

Real Estate and Insurance Agents,

Over First National Bank,

HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA.

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W. H. RITENOUR,

WATCH AND

MAKER JEWELER,

HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA,

IS now receiving direct from New York, a new and beautiful assortment of

GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES, GOLD, PLATED and RUBBER JEWELRY, CLOCKS, &C.

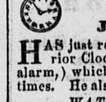
The best brought to this market. Prices to suit the times. Be sure to give me a call.

☞ Watches and Clocks repaired and warranted 12 months.

☞ Room next door to the Post-office, Harrisonburg.

mar31 W. H. RITENOUR.

ANDREW LEWIS,



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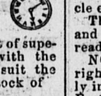
JEWELER,



HAS just received a large assortment of superior Clocks, 8-day and 30-hour, (with the alarm,) which he will sell at prices to suit the times. He also keeps on hand a large stock of *WATCHES, JEWELRY, &C.,*

all of which will be sold at reduced prices.

Watches, Clocks and Jewelry repaired in the very best manner.

All will do well to *give me a call*, as I guarantee satisfaction. apr7

VIRGINIA—At Rules held in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Rockingham, on Monday, April 5th, 1869.

A. M. Harris, administrator of C. F. Harris, ...PLTFF.

vs.

B. F. Wade, E. H. Scott, A. M. Newman, George S. Latimer, G. W. Holland, A. B. Irick, and John C. Woodson, ...Defendants.

IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to obtain a settlement of the partnership of Wade, Scott & Harris and to recover of the defendants B. F. Wade & E. H. Scott surviving partners of the late firm of Wade, Scott & Harris the sum of $183.14, interest on $144.40, part thereof, from the 1st day of April, 1866, and on $41.67, the residue thereof, from the 1st day of July, 1867, till paid, subject to certain credits.

It appearing from an affidavit filed in this cause that the defendants, B. F. Wade and E. H. Scott, are not residents of this Commonwealth, it is therefore ordered that they do appear here, within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit. Copy.—Teste,

april7-4t WM. D. TROUT, D. C.

I AM RECEIVING MY SPRING SUPPLIES OF

GARDENING TOOLS,

Coach Materials, Mechanics' Tools,
House-Furnishing Materials for Builders;
also,

A fine article of LEAD, PUTTY, OIL, GLASS, and many other articles, which I will be pleased to show to any one, and will make it to their interest to give me a call, at the Virginia Hardware House.

ap7-ii G. W. TABB.

I CALL ATTENTION TO THE FACT

that I am now receiving

MY FIRST SPRING STOCK

of almost every description of

MERCHANDISE!

which, having been

Bought to the Best Advantage,

enables me to offer

INDUCEMENTS TO PURCHASERS.

☞ Give me a call. ☜

apr7 HENRY SHACKLETT.

TO THE PUBLIC.

HAVING been removed from office by Gen. Stoneman, I will hereafter devote my whole time and attention to the business of selling property of all kinds as an

AUCTIONEER.

Thankful for past favors, I hope for a continuance of the same.

When I am not in Harrisonburg nor at home, persons wishing my services can leave their names at the office of Woodson & Compton, with the time and place of sale, where I will get them.

ap7-tf JAMES STEELE.

(Register copy.)

WANTED—in a Commission House—A PARTNER, with a cash capital of $50'0. To young men desirous of starting in business, this opportunity offers the advantage of connection with an established house already doing a good business. Address, with real name,

COMMISSION HOUSE,

apr7-tf Baltimore P. O.

JOHN T. HARRIS has resumed the practice of Law, at his old office, Harrisonburg, Va. He will practice in the Courts of Rockingham, Shenandoah, Page and Warren. apr7-3t

EFFINGER & JOHNSTON have removed to the brick office formerly occupied by Wm. H. Effinger, opposite the new Episcopal Church, Main street. ap7-tf

BLANKS—Such as Notes, Checks, Constable's Warrants and Executions, Delivery Bonds, Notices on same, for sale, and all other kinds of Blanks promptly and neatly printed at

THE COMMONWEALTH OFFICE.

GOOD, solid, sound TOBACCO, at 20 cents per plug, at ESHMAN'S

ap7 Tobacco Store.

BYRON, SCOTT, BURNS—Library editions, ap at WARTMANN'S Bookstore.

ALL THE POETS, at

ap7 WARTMANN S Bookstore.

SEED POTATOES.—50 bushels of fine Peach Blow Potatoes, for planting, the last of the season, to arrive, for sale by

ap7 HENRY FORRER.

Miscellaneous

☞ REMOVAL. ☜

LUDWIG & CO. have REMOVED their Hardware Store from their old stand to the large store-room, recently occupied by Messrs. Coffman & Bruffy, THREE DOORS SOUTH OF THE POST-OFFICE, Harrisonburg, Va.

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THE OLD ESTABLISHED

HARDWARE HOUSE,

HARRISONBURG, VA.

LUDWIG & CO.,

HAVE just returned from the East, and are now receiving a complete assortment of

HARDWARE!

CUTLERY, STEEL,

Iron, Nails, Horse Shoes,

Carriage Trimmings, &c., &c.

We are also agents for Messrs. Huber & Co. manufacturers of Double and Single Bit

CHOPPING AXES,

Broad Axes, Broad and Mill Hand Axes, Carpenter's Hand Axes, Hatchets, Drawing Knives, Stone Drills, Digging Bars, Picks and Mattocks.

We have a fine stock of the above goods, and respectfully ask that country merchants will call and examine before purchasing as we are able to sell at city prices.

We tender our thanks to the public for their liberal patronage in the past, and by fair dealing, cheap goods, and strict attention to business, we hope to merit a continuance of the same.

LUDWIG & CO.,

THREE DOORS SOUTH OF POST-OFFICE, HARRISONBURG, VA.

To the Farmers of Rockingham.

ENRICH YOUR LANDS

BY

MAKING YOUR OWN FERTILIZERS.

THE intelligent farmers of Rockingham already see and feel the importance of enriching their lands by the liberal use of the best fertilizers. Many of them, however, have yet to learn that they can make their own fertilizers. The subscriber is yet prepared to furnish the recipe and the right to use it on any land in Rockingham county. Manufactured at home by the farmers themselves, it is

The Cheapest & Best Fertilizer Known,

costing not more than

$35 PER TON,

and being equal in all respects, to the highest priced fertilizers.

I have numerous certificates, showing the effects of this fertilizer upon lands in Maryland; but I prefer that the beautiful green wheat fields in Rockingham, on which this fertilizer has been sown, should furnish its highest recommendation. It shows itself wherever used. The lands of Col. John H. Hopkins, John Brunk, Jas. Steele, and others, show that this home-made fertilizer is equal to the best imported article ever brought here.

The recipe is very cheap, is easily understood, and the materials of which it is made can be readily procured.

NOW IS THE TIME to procure recipes and rights to manufacture this Fertilizer. Especially important it is that those who wish to use a Fertilizer on their corn-land should see to it at once.

Call at my residence, 2 miles South of Harrisonburg, on the Valley Turnpike.

☞ Those who prefer to purchase the Fertilizer already made, can buy it of me, on my farm, at $50 per ton.

mar31 n DAVID H. LANDES.

READ THIS.

I HAVE appointed GEORGE O. CONRAD my agent to conduct the Mercantile business for me, in Harrisonburg. His established character and experience justify the expectation that satisfaction will be given to all who have dealings with us.

I am doing business in Philadelphia, where my acquaintance with Jobbing Houses and facilities for purchasing will enable me to furnish GOODS at the LOWEST CASH PRICES.

I return thanks for the confidence and patronage heretofore bestowed, and now confidently solicit a goodly share of public patronage in behalf of my agent, Mr. CONRAD.

mar31,69 H. DREYFOUS.

N. B.—We sell for CASH.

BY THE RAILROAD,

TO-DAY.

50 BUSHELS New York White Mercer POTATOES, (for seed or table use);

15 BAGS Maine Carter POTATOES—A splendid Seedling, and good for the table;

6 CASES Very fine Fresh Lemons;

6 CASES Prime fresh West India Oranges, the finest ever offered in this market;

ALSO,

PINE APPLES, GREEN APPLES, PINE APPLE CHEESE, PRESERVED FRUIT, and

A large stock of SUGARS, and Groceries generally, just to hand, at POST'S.

mar31 W. A. SPENCE, Jr., Agent.

LAW NOTICE.

Persons having business with the Attorney for the Commonwealth, will please call at the Law Office of Messrs. LURTY & PATTERSON, who will, in my absence, attend to all Commonwealth's business for me. [jan29-tf] CHAS. H. LEWIS.

POULTRY, EGGS, AND ONIONS

Wanted, at highest cash prices, at

JONES'

jan27 Agricultural Warehouse.

FRESH GARDEN SEEDS.

Just received from J. Landreth & Sons, a fresh supply of ☞ GARDEN SEEDS. ☜ Get a copy of the Rural Register at

mrh3 OTT'S DRUG STORE.

QUEENSWARE, GLASSWARE, &C.—We are in receipt of a very select assortment of the above wares. Elegant Japanned Toilet Setts, Water Pails, extra Foot Baths, &c., &c.

mar31 HENRY FORRER.

BOOTS, SHOES, &C.—Velocipede and Alpine Hats, late styles; elegant Boots and Shoes, fresh stock; Trunks, Carpet Bags, Valises, &c., at a small advance on manufacturers' prices.

mar31 HENRY FORRER.

STOVES, RANGES, &C.—25 Cooking Stoves of various and most approved patterns and sizes, just received from the factory, for sale at a small advance. HENRY FORRER.

SUGAR COMING DOWN,

at Post's. SPENCE, Agent.

A FULL supply of BULL'S Medicines just received at. OTT'S Drug Store.

PICTURES and Picture Frames—a great variety cheap at WARTMANN'S Bookstore.

FOX'S Book of Martyrs, at

ap7 WARTMANN'S Bookstore.

THE Claverings, Pendennis, The Newcombs at WARTMANN'S BOOKSTORE.

WILD Western Scenes, Scottish Chiefs, Nick of the Woods, at

ap7 WARTMANN'S Bookstore.

FULLER on the Grape;
Husman on the Grape;
Ten Acres Enough;

ap7 at WARTMANN'S Bookstore.

AFTER THE STORM, by Arthur;
The Elms, at

ap7 WARTMANN'S Bookstore.

CHAMBERS' Information for the People, at

ap7 WARTMANN'S Bookstore.

Books, Stationery, &c.

HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA

MAIN STREET, OPPOSITE THE COURT-HOUSE!

VALLEY BOOKSTORE.

FOR sale at the Valley Bookstore, and will keep a supply equal to the demand, Newspapers and Magazines, viz:—Country Gentleman, Every Saturday, Leslie's Illustrated News, Chimney Corner, Harper's Weekly, Bazar, Living Age, New York Ledger, N. Y. Herald, Saturday Night, Scientific American, Spirit of the Times, Bell's Life, (London,) Bentley's Miscellany, Once a Week, Dow's Review, Eclectic, The Land We Love, Godey's Lady's Book, Harper's Magazine, Punch's Almanac, Horticulturist, Nick Nax, Peterson's Magazine, Westminster Review, North British Review, London Quarterly, Edinburg Review, Democrat, Field, Turf and Farm, &c.

Photographs and Paintings.

Miscellaneous.

FIRST GREAT ARRIVAL

FOR THE SPRING OF 1869.

BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS,

TRUNKS, VALISES, SATCHELS, &C.

I RESPECTFULLY inform the citizens of Harrisonburg and of Rockingham county, that my first Spring stock of Boots, Shoes, &c., have just been received and opened, and I tender the assurance that my stock is of very superior quality. In the way of BOOTS and SHOES, I have everything ever heretofore introduced into this market, besides many things new and novel, including the latest styles of best city made work. Boots for men, youth's and boys, all qualities; Shoes for ladies, misses and children, all styles and sizes and prices.

In the line of HATS and CAPS, my supply is large and complete, embracing all styles and qualities, at very moderate prices. I have made it a specialty to procure the style of Hats worn by the Tunkers and Mennonites of this county, and I invite their special attention to the fact, and request them to call and look at them.

I have also a large assortment of TRUNKS, VALISES, and CARPET SACKS, also,

TRAVELLING SATCHELS,

for Ladies and Gentlemen, besides a large number of smaller articles, all of which are offered at prices to suit the times.

I return thanks to the public for the liberal patronage heretofore bestowed, and trust that by renewed efforts to please, and selling only goods that I can recommend, to merit a continuance of the same.

☞ A call solicited from the citizens generally.

☞ Store next door to Henry Forrer's, South side of the public square.

march17 S. A. LOVE.

FRESH SUPPLY OF

GROCERIES,

JUST RECEIVED BY

E. POST & SONS.

WE are now opening our first Spring supply of choice GROCERIES and FAMILY SUPPLIES generally, to which we would respectfully invite the attention of Housekeepers, Country Dealers, and the public generally, confident that we can render satisfaction to all both in the price and quality of our goods.

GROCERIES—We name in part the following:—Rio Coffee, very superior, dark and light; Laguira Coffee, all qualities; best to common Brown, Coffee and other Sugars; Teas of every kind; Molasses, Crackers, Cheese, Candles, &c. Also, FAMILY SUPPLIES, such as Preserves, Pickles, Canned Fruits, Vegetables, Lobsters, Pickled Oysters, Worcestershire Sauce, Catsup, French and Ground Mustard, Piccalilli, Olive Oil, Sardines, choice old Family canvassed Hams, Beef Tongue, Fish, Soaps, Soda, Spices, &c, &c. Also, CONFECTIONERIES, including Candies, Nuts, Cocoanuts, Prunes, Dates, Figs, Raisins, the finest West India Oranges, Lemons, &c. Also, a fine supply of Chocolate.

A call solicited—both from dealers and the public. Goods sold by Baltimore schedule, received daily, thus giving customers the advantage of every decline in the market.

march17 W. A. SPENCE, Agent.

STOVES! 1868. *STOVES!* 1868.

TINWARE! TINWARE! TINWARE!

N. L. GREINER,

(IMMEDIATELY UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH OFFICE,)

HAS made arrangements to supply the citizens of Rockingham with all kinds and styles of COOKING AND PARLOR STOVES, this fall and winter. He always prepared to do all kinds of work in his line at short notice, and upon the most reasonable terms.

ROOFING AND SPOUTING

put up in the best manner, and with promptness and dispatch. Every description of TINWARE kept constantly on hand.

☞ Corn, Wheat, Bacon, Lard, Flour or any kind of country produce taken in exchange for work. Thankful for past patronage a continuance of the same is respectfully solicited.

Sept. 23-tf N. L. GREINER.

A Little Conversation

JOHN—"Where do you get your Hair so elegantly dressed, and such smooth, clean shaving done?"

CHARLES—"I get all my Barbering done at WELLMAN'S Excelsior Barbering and Hair-Dressing Rooms, in the rear of the First National Bank, where you will find everything conducted in the best style.

THE OLD COMMONWEALTH.

HARRISONBURG, VA.

Wednesday Morning, April 14, 1869.

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READING MATTER ON EVERY PAGE OF THIS PAPER FOR THE BENEFIT OF ADVERTISERS.

LEGEND IN ALSACE.

Know'st thou, Gretchen, how it happens
That the dear ones die?
God walks daily in his garden
While the sun shines high.
In that garden there are roses
Beautiful and bright,
And he gazes round delighted
With the lovely sight:

If he marks one gayly blooming,
Than the rest more fair,
He will pause and look upon it,
Full of tender care:
And the beauteous rose he gathers
In his bosom lies—
But on earth are tears and sorrow,
For a dear one dies!

If there were no clouds we should not enjoy the sun.

Farmers are like fowls—neither will get full crops without industry.

The Memphis Sun calls a very black negro "vivified but-end of midnight."

How to ride a velocipede—Straddle the saddle, then paddle and skedaddle.

The bachelor has to look out for number one, but married man for number two.

"I see through it," as Betsy Perkins said when the bottom of her tub fell out.

A fellow sends us "An Ode to the Printer." We can't use it—we are *owed* too much already.

A Richmond boy advertises for a situation, saying that "work is not so much an object as good wages."

Calumny is like the brands from a large fire, which quickly go out if you do not blow them.

Love, the toothache, a cough, and tight boots, are things that cannot be long kept a secret,

The days grow longer and the sun-beams stronger, but it is rather two breezy yet for nankeens and straw hats.

A Western editor says many of his subscribers would make good wheel horses— they hold back so well.

Butler says 'he never takes things back.' This is discouraging to the people of New Orleans who lost spoons.

'Why stand ye here all the day, idol?' was the way Bemus saluted a wooden god when he visited a Chinese city.

The New York *Revolution* newspaper declares its mission to be 'to turn everything inside out, upside down, wrong side before.'

The editor of the Chambersburg Spirit, is the happy possessor of a velocipede, with which he intends going for his delinquent patrons.

The editor of the Tyrone Herald has disposed of his domicile for $1,500. "Fancy the phelinks" of an editor with that amount of "spinners."

When a man accuses the sidewalk of trying to throw him into the street and wet his clothes, he may be suspected of having previously wet his own whistle.

Mr. Muggins says there is no country in the world where wives are more worshipped than in France. He regrets, however, that all the admiration comes from somebody else's husband.

"I resort to wine to stimulate my wits,' said a young spendthrift to an old one. 'Ah!' replied the veteran, 'that is the way I began; but now I have to resort to my wits to get my wine.'

A preacher in New Hampshire, discoursing on the subject Daniel in the Lion's den, said: "And thar he sot all night long, lookin' at the the show for nothin' and it didn't cost him a cent."

Is is said that Ebenezer D. Bassett, a colored school teacher of Philadelphia, will be appointed Minister to Hayti. If niggers are to be appointed to office, why not commence with a white one?

TOBACCO! TOBACCO!

WE call attention to the very large additions to our stock of

Tobacco, Snuff and Segars.

We offer a superior stock of PLUG TOBACCO, embracing forty different brands, including all of

GRAVELY'S CHOICE BRANDS!

We return thanks for the liberal patronage extended to our house, and announce to our patrons that our arrangements enable us to fully meet the increasing demands.

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We hold a very heavy stock at low rates. Also, every variety of PIPES, STEMS, &c., including a large stock of GENUINE POWHATAN PIPES.

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A CHART OF THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE with revolving dial, enables any one to get the present time all around the Earth, with the exact difference in time between any two places. Explanations accompanying every instrument, and every teacher, scholar, business man and family should have one.

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Corner of 6th and Main Streets,
RICHMOND, VA.
J. P. EFFINGER, - - PROPRIETOR.
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AMERICAN HOTEL,
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This well known Hotel has been entirely renovated, and the new proprietors promise that guests shall receive every comfort which a well-stocked larder, clean beds and attentive servants can afford.
TERMS $2,50 PER DAY.
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CITY HOTEL,
Corner Cameron and Royal Streets,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.
Board $2 per Day.
FRANCIS & CARR, Prop'rs.
First-class Bar attached to the House.
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Offices of Trotter's Stage Line and Express at this Hotel.
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Fine Billiard Saloon and Bar attached. Travellers furnished with conveyances upon application. From an experience of 17 years in the business, the proprietor feels confident of his ability to give satisfaction and render his guests comfortable. [May 29, 1867—tf

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NORTH-WEST CORNER OF
FAYETTE AND ST. PAUL STREETS,
(Opposite Barnum's City Hotel,)
BALTIMORE:
ISAAC ALBERTSON, - - - - Proprietor.
Terms $1.50 Per Day.
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OLD AMERICAN HOTEL,
Corner Market and Water Streets,
WINCHESTER, VA.
The above House has been re-opened, and the proprietor solicits a share of the public patronage. Stages and Omnibusses will convey passengers to and from the House.
LEVI T. F. GRIM,
May 30, 1866.—1y Proprietor.

AMERICAN HOTEL,
IMMEDIATELY AT RAILROAD DEPOT,
STAUNTON, VA.
McCHESNEY & NADENBOUSCH, Prop'rs.
R. M. LIPSCOMB, Manager.
WILLIAM WHOOLEY, Superintendent.
The Proprietors in resuming the management of this well known and popular hotel so long and favorable known to the traveling public, promise in the future to retain the reputation the American has borne, as a
FIRST-CLASS HOTEL.
Its locality, immediately at the Railroad Depot, renders it a convenient stopping place for persons on business or in search of health.
Bar and Barber Shop in the House.
All the offices of the Telegraph and Stage lines running to this town are adjoining this House.
A first class Livery Stable, under O'Toole & Donovan, is connected with this House.
Oct 23 McCHESNEY & CO.

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ON and after Tuesday, December 26, 1868, one daily passenger train will run between Washington and Lynchburg, connecting at Gordonsville with the Virginia Central Railroad to Richmond and Covington; at Lynchburg for West and Southwest, and at Washington for the North and Northwest.
Through tickets and baggage checked to all prominent points.
Leave Washington daily at 6.20 a. m., and Alexandria at 7.15 a. m., arriving at Lynchburg at 4.20 p. m.
Leave Lynchburg at 9 a. m., arrive at Alexandria at 5.55 p. m., and at Washington at 6.40 p. m.
FREIGHT TRAINS
Run daily, (Sunday excepted) making all rail connections from New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, to all points on this road and South and Southwest.
MANASSAS BRANCH.
A train for the Manassas Branch will leave Alexandria daily, excepting Sunday, at 9.55 a. m., arriving at Strasburg at 3.20 p. m., and at HARRISONBURG at 7 p. m.
Eastward—Leave HARRISONBURG at 5.45 a. m., arriving at ALEXANDRIA at 2.37 p. m., connecting with the train from Washington to Baltimore at 4 p. m.
The train leaving Baltimore at 7.00 a. m., connects with the morning train to Harrisonburg and intermediate points.
Passengers from Washington add Alexandria to Winchester will find this a comfortable and quick route, involving only 18 miles staging, in pleasant coaches, over the Valley Turnpike, arriving at Winchester at 6 p. m.
FREIGHT TRAINS on MANASSAS Branch leave HARRISONBURG MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY, at 11 p. m.; arrive the next evening at Alexandria, at 4.00, and at Baltimore at 12 o'clock at night. This arrangement offers great expedition for the transportation of CATTLE, &c., &c.
J. M. BROADUS,
jan'69 General Ticket Agent.

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JAS. L. AVIS,
DRUGGIST,
PURE DRUGS,
MEDICINES, FANCY GOODS
&c. &c &c. &c.
OPPOSITE FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
BETWEEN HILL'S AND AMERICAN HOTELS,
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JUST received a large and full supply of DRUGS, CHEMICALS, in PATENT MEDICINES, PAINTS, OILS, VARNISHES, DYE-STUFFS, WINDOW GLASS, (of all sizes,) PUTTY, TOILET SOAPS, English, French and American Hair, Tooth and Nail Brushes, fine Imported Extracts for the Handkerchief, Pomades, and a great variety of choice
Fancy Goods Generally,
all which will be sold at the lowest possible CASH prices.
PRESCRIPTIONS compounded with accuracy and neatness at all hours.
Physicians' orders filled with dispatch at the lowest city prices.
The public are respectfully solicited to give me a call before purchasing elsewhere.
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L. H. OTT, DRUGGIST,
MAIN ST., HARRISONBURG, VA.,
Respectfully informs his friends and the public generally, that he has received a new and full stock of
Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Paints, Oils, Dye-Stuffs,
&c. &c. &c.
He is prepared to furnish Physicians and others with any articles in his line at as reasonable rates as any other establishment in the Valley.
Special attention paid to the compounding of Physicians' Prescriptions.
Oct, 25, 1866—y

LEWIS' Pure White Lead, at OTT'S Drug Store. mar24

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Miscellaneous.

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SAFE, AND
CAEAP LIGHT?
If so, get the,
CHRYSTALIZED OIL
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IT IS ABSOLUTELY
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And when used with the proper Burners, which are made to fit all Coal Oil Lamps, it is
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Lamps and Lamp Goods,
AT REASONABLE PRICES.
SEND FOR A PRICE LIST.
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The largest Stock of Millinery Goods in the country, and unequalled in choice variety, which we offer at prices that will defy competition.
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AMERICAN HOTEL BAR,
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I have leased the American Hotel Bar, and have thoroughly refitted the establishment, and will keep on hand all kinds of
CHOICE LIQUORS,
SUCH AS
Whisky, Brandy, Wine, Ale and Cider,
Together with excellent Segars.
I will be glad to receive the patronage of my old friends.
dec9-tf JOHN McQUAIDE, Prop'r.

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At this house is kept constantly on hand WHISKY, BRANDY, WINES, GIN, PORTER, ALE, And a complete assortment of all Liquors.
A Fine Invoice just Received.
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CONSTANTLY on hand a full and complete assortment of the finest and best brands of FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC LIQUORS, such as French Brandy, Holland, Wines, Domestic Brandy, Whiskey, Rum, Ale, Porter, &c., &c.
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C. W. BOYD,
AGENT FOR DR. S. A. COFFMAN,
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South side of the Public Square,
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KEEPS constantly on hand and for sale, in quantities to suit, PURE LIQUORS of every kind, embracing,

Apple Brandy,	Jamaica Spirits,
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Other brands of do.	

ALSO,
TOBACCO and SEGARS,
AND FINE TEAS.
A call solicited from the public generally.
March 24, 1869-y

JOHN SCANLON,
PROPRIETOR OF THE VIRGINIA HOTEL,
AND DEALER IN
WINES AND LIQUORS,
VIRGINIA HOUSE, MAIN STREET,
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While I cannot boast, as one of my friendly neighbors has done, of having procured my license from the Honorable County Court of Rockingham, yet my legal, moral and civil right to sell and vend all kinds of
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HOLLAND GIN,
PORT WINES,
MADEIRA WINES,
MALAGA WINES,
SHERRY WINES,
CLARET WINES,
JAMAICA SPIRITS,
DOMESTIC BRANDY,
NEW ENGLAND RUM,
PURE BOURBON WHISKY,
PURE OLD RYE WHISKY,
MONONGAHELA WHISKY,
SCOTCH WHISKY,
IRISH WHISKY.
is unquestioned, and very clearly unquestionable.
I have come amongst the good people of Harrisonburg to live with them, and help forward the town, and I am well persuaded I have the good wishes and kind feeling of all the best citizens of the town.
I do not boast of my wealth, for I hav'nt much of that, but I do stand, and want to stand upon my good name; I can say that "he who steels my purse steals trash, but he that steels my good name, steels that which does not him enrich, but makes me poor indeed.
Aug. 8, '68.-tf (le 26) JOHN SCANLON.

MOUNTAIN Sweet Water Melon Seed, Daniel O'Rourk Peas, Extra Early Peas, white Marrowfat Peas, Pole and Lima and Burt Beans, for sale at AVIS' Drug Store.

HOME-MADE Linseed Oil, for sale at mar24 OTT'S DRUG STORE.

FUCHSINE, red and green, for dyeing purposes, at OTT'S DRUG STORE.

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Miscellaneous.

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We warrant to furnish our work as low as it can be bought, and delivered here, from any of the cities. Persons in want of a fine piece of sculpturing or carving, can be accommodated.
All orders from the country will be promptly filled. Satisfactory guaranteed.
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The most complete and thoroughly appointed College of Business in the country, and the only institution of ACTUAL PRACTICE in the State of Maryland. Our course of instruction is wholly practical and arranged to meet the demand of the age; being conducted upon a thorough system of
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Affording to Students the facilities of a practical Business Education, by means of banks, representing money, and all the forms of business paper, such as Notes, Drafts, &c., together with Business Offices to represent the principal departments of TRADE and COMMERCE.
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The curriculum of study and practice in this Institution is the result of many years of experience, and the best combination of business talent to be found in the country. It embraces
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The standard of Business Writing is adopted and taught in its purity at this Institution, by one of the most experienced and successful teachers of Business and Ornamental Penmanship in the country.
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Five kinds. Samples for 20 cents.
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Prepaid to any address.
No. 333, fine smooth points, adapted to school purposes and general writing.
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BUSINESS COLLEGE,
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EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS desiring to publish this advertisement are invited to address the above Institution, with proposals for 6 and 12 months stating circulation of their paper.
Dec. 9, 1868-1y

TO THE FARMERS, THE BOYS AND THE MERCHANTS, ABOUT
BONES and BONE DUST
IF each family in the county would save but 50 pounds of Bones each year, which could easily be done out of the kitchen and smoke-house alone, 200,000 pounds, or 100 tons of bones could thus be saved yearly in this county alone. These ground into dust and properly applied by the Farmers, would, as experience has shown,
ADD 10,000 BUSHLLS OF WHEAT
and vast quantities of Corn, Oats and Grass to the crops of this county yearly. Experience has shown that pure Bone Dust is the best and most permanent fertilizer known to the farmer. The farmers should, therefore, gather, save and buy from the boys all the bones in the country and bring them to my Bone Mill at Bridgewater, Va., where I will give them $18 in money, or 900 pounds of pure Bone Dust for each and every ton of dry Bones that they may bring. 900 pounds of bone dust is worth $27 at the mill, and this I offer as an inducement to the farmers to gather and buy up the bones and bring them directly to the mill. And they should come soon and not wait until they need the dust, for then they might not get it.
I have a quantity of pure BONE DUST now on hand for sale at $60 per ton, or for exchange as above stated, and I am making more as fast as I get the bones.
I intend to make my Bone Mill a permanent institution of the county, believing, as I do, that the interest and the good sense of the farmers with their past and future experience will bring them to my aid.
I will pay to the merchants, or to any one else, anywhere in this county, or in Augusta, from $12 to $15 per ton for dry bones, or in Highland or Pendleton $10, and haul them with my own team, if they will let me know when they have a load on hand. G. W. BERLIN,
feb17-tf Bridgewater, Va.

LOOK OUT!
For daily fresh supplies of GROCERIES, and things good to eat, at Posr's.
march31 SPENCE, Agent.

BLACKING.—The most superior article made. Go see the Black-King at POST'S.
march31 SPENCE, Agent.

Mechanical.

HARRISONBURG
IRON FOUNDRY.
1868. 1868.
P. BRADLEY & CO.,
At the old stand, Southwestern end of Harrisonburg on the Warm Springs Turnpike, are prepared to manufacture at short notice,
ALL KINDS OF CASTINGS,
INCLUDING
Mill Castings & Machinery, Plow Castings
Sugar-Cane Mills,
and in fact almost any kind of
GENERAL FOUNDRY WORK.
Our experience being extensive, having conducted the business of Iron Founders for years, we can guarantee good work at satisfactory rates.
We still manufacture and keep constantly on hand the celebrated
LIVINGSTON PLOW,
which is acknowledged, on all hands, to be the Plow best adapted to this country, and will furnish them to our customers, certainly on as good terms as they can be had anywhere else.
FINISHING!
We have in operation at our establishment, a FIRST-CLASS LATHE, and are prepared to do all kinds of IRON FINISHING in the very best manner.
Country Produce taken in exchange for work.
Farmers, Mill-owners and others give us a call, and we will endeavor to give satisfaction
P. BRADLEY,
J. WILTON.
jan'69-1

BLACKSMITHING
NEW BLACKSMITH SHOP!
THE undersigned having recently located in Harrisonburg, for the purpose of carrying on the Blacksmithing business, would announce to the citizens of the town and county that they are prepared to do all kind of work in their line at the shortest notice and on reasonable terms. We can repair Threshing Machines, Engines, Drills, and, in fact, any kind of Agricultural Implements. We pay special attention to the repair of Plows, and will make new wrought Shears or mend old ones. Mill Gearing can be repaired at our shop.
We have in our employ one of the best Horse Shoe's in the county. Our motto is to do work QUICK AND WELL. All we ask is a trial.
Country produce taken in exchange for work. Shop on Main street, a few doors North of the Lutheran Church.
Sept. 9, '68-tf R. B. JONES & SON.

JONES & McALLISTER,
ARCHITECTS AND BUILDERS,
HARRISONBURG, VA.,
Respectfully solicit a share of the public patronage. They are prepared to do all work in the HOUSE CARPENTERS' AND JOINERS' LINE, with promptness, neatness and dispatch. Our prices for work shall not be higher than the prices charged by other good workmen in town. We are prepared to dry lumber for the public at reasonable rates.
Thankful for past patronage, we solicit a continuance
April 8-1y. JONES & McALLISTER.

A. HOCKMAN, ARCHITECT & BUILDER,
HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA.
Will attend to all work entrusted to him in Rockingham or adjoining counties. [je 24-tf.

SADDLES & HARNESS
I WOULD announce to the citizens of Rockingham and adjoining counties, that I have recently refitted and enlarged my
SADDLERY ESTABLISHMENT,
Main street, nearly opposite Scanlon's Hotel, Harrisonburg, Va., and am fully prepared to do all kinds of plain and fancy work in my line, at the shortest notice and upon reasonable terms.
The special attention of the LADIES is called to my make of
SIDE SADDLES.
Having had much experience in this branch of the business, I feel satisfied that I can please them. All I ask is that the public will give me a call and examine my stock and work before purchasing.
I tender my thanks for past patronage and respectfully ask a continuance of the same.
June 17-y A. H. WILSON.

PRACTICAL MACHINIST.
J. G. SPRENKEL,
PRACTICAL MACHINIST!
HARRISONBURG VA.
Would inform the public generally that he has removed his shop to the old chair-making shop formerly occupied by N. Sprenkle & Brothers at the upper end of Main Street, and is now engaged in carrying on his business in all its branches. He pays special attention to putting up all kinds of iron work for Mills, and would call particular attention to his make of
CIRCULAR SAW-MILLS,
which can be had upon as good terms as they can be had anywhere else. He is also ready to repair, promptly and well, all kinds of machinery.
March 7, 1868.

HARRISONBURG SASH AND DOOR FACTORY.
We have on hand all sizes of WINDOW SASH, PANEL DOORS, BLINDS, SHUTTERS, FLOORING, BRACKETS, MOULDINGS, and in short every article needed to build and complete houses.
We will also do all kinds of TURNING, such as Columns, Bannisters, &c. We are also prepared to work Weather-Boarding.
We have on hand at our MILL, at all times, Meal and Chop for sale.
All Chopping and Grinding of Meal done for the tenth odshel.
Country Produce taken in exchange at market price for work.
LUMBER taken in trade for work.
Oct. 12-tf. WM. P. GROVE.

T. T. BURKE,
HOUSE-JOINER,
RESPECTFULLY offers his services to this community. He is prepared to enter into contracts to BUILD HOUSES, Porches, &c., at short notice and upon accommodating terms. He pledges himself to work experienced hands at all times.
All work shall be completed in a workmanlike manner.
A share of public patronage respectfully solicited. mar31-tf

NEW SHOP
I would announce to the citizens of Harrisonburg and vicinity, that I have opened a Shop Three Doors South of Masonic Hall, on Main Street, where I am prepared to do all kinds of
BOOT AND SHOE MAKING,
at the shortest notice and in good style.
Particular attention paid to LADIES' PLAIN AND FANCY WORK.
I respectfully ask the patronage of the public.
May 27-1y JOHN T WAKENIGHT

PIANOS! PIANOS!
H. T. WARTMANN, AGENT FOR
CHAS. M. STIEFF'S
Is Premium Grand and Square Pianos,
OF BALTIMORE, MD:
Our new scale Grand Action Piano, with the Agraffe Treble, has been pronounced by the best Amateurs and Professors to be the best Piano now manufactured.
We warrant them for five years, with the privilege of exchanging within 12 months if not satisfactory to the purchasers.
SECOND-HAND PIANOS, from $50 to $300, and PARLOR ORGANS always on hand.
By permission we refer to the following gentlemen who have our Pianos in use;
Gen. Robert E. Lee, Lexington, Va.; Gen. Robert Ranson, Wilmington N. C.; M. H. Effinger, Rev. P. M. Custer, S. R. Sterling, A. B. Irick, Isaac Paul, and John F. Lewis, Rockingham. [April 22, 1868—1y

FAMILY and Pocket Bibles—a large and beautiful assortment, at WARTMANN'S Bookstore. mar31

ALBUMS.—Beautiful, good, cheap, at
mar31 WARTMANN'S Bookstore.

BILL FILES at WARTMANN'S Bookstore.
mar31

Merchandise.

THE THURMONITES
DEMORALIZED.
They make a Big Rush, together with the "rest of mankind," on the Great Cheap Store of
AL. LINCOLN,
AT LACY SPRINGS, VA.
Several Children were run over in the great Excitement, over the fact that AL. was selling SIXTEEN yards of CALICO for only ONE Dollar!
And all other Goods cheaper than they were ever before sold in the Valley!
"John Brown's body lies mold'ring in the ground,"
And, "The Colored Troops fought bravely,"
BUT notwithstending all this, I would say to the people in my neighborhood that I have recently purchased a very large stock of Goods, and at prices that will enable me to
DEFY COMPETITION!
My stock comprises Men's Wear and Furnishing Goods, Ladies' Dress and Fancy Goods, Laurel D and other Cottons, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Hardware, Queensware, and, in fact, anything that can be found in a variety store. All I ask is a call and look at my goods before you purchase.
Besides doing a regular business, I have secured Auction-house license, and will have an auction sale one day in each week. Goods will be sold for what they will bring.
oc28 y A. C. LINCOLN.

THE HOLIDAYS HAVE PASSED, BUT
OLD NO. 2 CHEAPSIDE
IS STILL FULL
and constantly receiving FRESH SUPPLIES of everything nice in the way of
CONFECTIONERIES, TOYS, NOTIONS,
GROCERIES,
TOBACCO, SEGARS, &C., &C,
to which I invite the attention of all my old friends and customers. My stock consists of a large assortment
FRENCH AND AMERICAN CANDIES,
FIGS,
PRUNES,
DATES,
ALMONDS,
FILBERTS,
ENGLISH WALNUS,
PEANUTS,
ORANGES,
LEMONS, &c.,
Also, TOYS for young and old, and the very nicest ever in this market. I have also the very best TEAS, COFFEE, SUGAR and CHEESE,
Queensware, Glassware, Woodenware, &c.
Thankful for the liberal patronage heretofore tendered to me, I hope by strict attention to business, and continued efforts to please to merit a continuance of the same.
jan6 O. C. STERLING.

1869. SPRING STYLES: 1869.
JUST RECEIVED AND OPENED
AT
S. GRADWOHL'S,
Clothing Store,
American Hotel Building.
HARRISONBURG, VA.
A LARGE and select stock of Spring Clothing, of all descriptions, for Men and Boys. Also, a very large assortment of Gent's Furnishing Goods, consisting of fine White Shirts, Collars, Socks, Ties, Handkerchiefs, Drawers, Suspenders, &c. Also, a large assortment of Gent's Boots and Shoes, at as low prices as they can be sold. Also, a large assortment of Plush, Fur, Wool and Straw Hats, of all sizes and colors. A select stock of Trunks, Valises, Umbrellas and Buggy Whips. Remember, we have a large assortment of Gent's Kid Gloves.
Please give us a call before purchasing elsewhere. We are sure to please you both in quality and price. Remember the place.
S. GRADWOHL, Harrisonburg.
All kinds of country produce taken in exchange for goods. mar10

THE LATEST FROM THE NORTH!
The Railroad Nearly Finished,
BUT NOT IN TIME TO BRING UP FOR
SIBERT, LONG & CO.
Their large and elegant stock of
NEW FALL AND WINTER GOODS.
WE name in part: Ladies Dress Goods, Saratoga Trunks, Shoes of all kinds, Hoop Skirts, Balmoral and the Bouvelyard Skirts, Notions in endless variety. Also, all kinds of goods for gentlemen and boys—Cloths, Cassimeres, Vestings, Boots, Shoes, Hats, a large assortment of Buckskin and other Gloves, Domestic Goods,
GROCERIES,
Hardware, Queensware, and any and all kinds of goods.
Our stock is large and complete, and a call is respectfully solicited from our customers and the public.
We are paying the highest cash prices for Flour, Bacon, and country produce generally.
oc14 SIBERT, LONG & CO.

L. C. MYERS, though once engaged in the wars, and now disfranchised for participation in the same, is selling Goods *very* low, at the Great Bargain House, Bank Row, next door to the old Bank of Rockingham. mar24

DON'T forget the Great Bargain House, where Goods are sold so very cheap for cash or produce in hand, and where you can pay for them with almost any article of produce at the highest market price, kept by
mar24 L. C. MYERS.

NO difference made in the prices of goods